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BRITISH HELP FOR FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
Political circles declare that British help for Finland will be continued, as international law does not oppose it.

They point out that Russia is doing exactly the same to Germany.

British support for Finland is motivated by sympathy with the just Finnish cause, and may also bring important material results.

Finnish resistance is warding off the Soviet threat to the Balkans, and may possibly give time for the organisation of such a powerful military and diplomatic Eastern Front that the Soviet will hesitate to engage in a push on the Dardanelles.

Such a development would essentially depend on Turkey's ability to patch up the Rumanian-Bulgarian dispute, which is a fertile source of agitation for the Soviet. — Havas.

MAGINOT LINE DOUBLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Only now, that the work may be considered to have been completed, is revealed the gigantic task accomplished by the French Army since the outbreak of war.

The task consisted in improving and consolidating the Maginot Line and in actually doubling the famous defences by another fortification system.

In the last three months hundreds of thousands of soldiers have been moving earth and pouring concrete, and now the whole French frontier, from the Lake of Geneva to the sea, is covered by fortifications capable of resisting any form of attack. — Havas.

SOVIET DECLARES A BLOCKADE

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet Navy has declared a blockade of the Finnish coast, becoming effective as from noon to-day. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-East winds, moderate; fine.



This dramatic picture of the sinking of the Japanese liner "Terukuni Maru"—which sank after hitting a German mine off the East coast—was taken by the ship's cameraman, K. Asami. He calmly stood by, photographing the scenes until forced to leave the stricken vessel. Photo shows—The crew—steady, disciplined and cool—lined up, waiting for instructions on the sinking liner. (By Air Mail. Copyright).

VIOLENT SOVIET ATTACKS ON MANNERHEIM LINE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the Finnish news agency that the Soviet is using poison gas shells comes as no surprise here, and it is considered to be evidence of the Soviet rulers' resentment at the failure of their lightning war.

Although possibly the Soviets have achieved local successes, the Mannerheim Line, Finland's main defence system, has not been pierced.

The line is a fortified zone 17 to 20 miles in depth, and consists of various defence systems, which use natural obstacles such as the marshes and lakes which abound in the Karelian Isthmus.

The field fortifications extend far into the country, and 300,000 Finnish soldiers with excellent peacetime training, would take advantage of these works for guerrilla warfare if the Mannerheim Line is pierced.

The Finnish army is well trained, equipped and supplied, and help from many countries is available for her through Sweden.

Communication in the Gulf of Bothnia can be maintained by ice-breakers even in the coldest months. — Havas.

THOUSANDS SACRIFICED

Helsinki, To-day.

Thousands of men were sacrificed by the Red Army yesterday morning in a desperate attack on the Mannerheim Line.

It is now admitted, however, that as a result of the violent regardless-of-loss attack, the Soviets have gained a footing in the Mannerheim defence system. Thrilling accounts of the battle are coming through.

TERRIBLE TOLL

Wave upon wave of Russian infantry, led by tanks, hurled themselves against the Finnish defences for fifteen hours, and a terrible toll was taken by machine-gun fire.

One machine-gun nest, concealed in a village on the edge of the Man-

nerheim Line held up a Soviet brigade for more than four hours, the village streets being strewn with Russian dead. — Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT IN TURKEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Istanbul, To-day.

A serious diplomatic incident has arisen following the distribution by the German Embassy's press office of pamphlets questioning the moral standards of the whole Turkish press.

An official investigation has been opened. — Havas.

ITALIAN VETERANS IN PLANES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

Finland's new planes are manned by Italian pilots, it is revealed here.

The Italian crews are veterans of the Spanish Civil War who are familiar with Soviet air tactics.

It has been confirmed that the new planes were flown from Italy via Germany, where they refuelled.

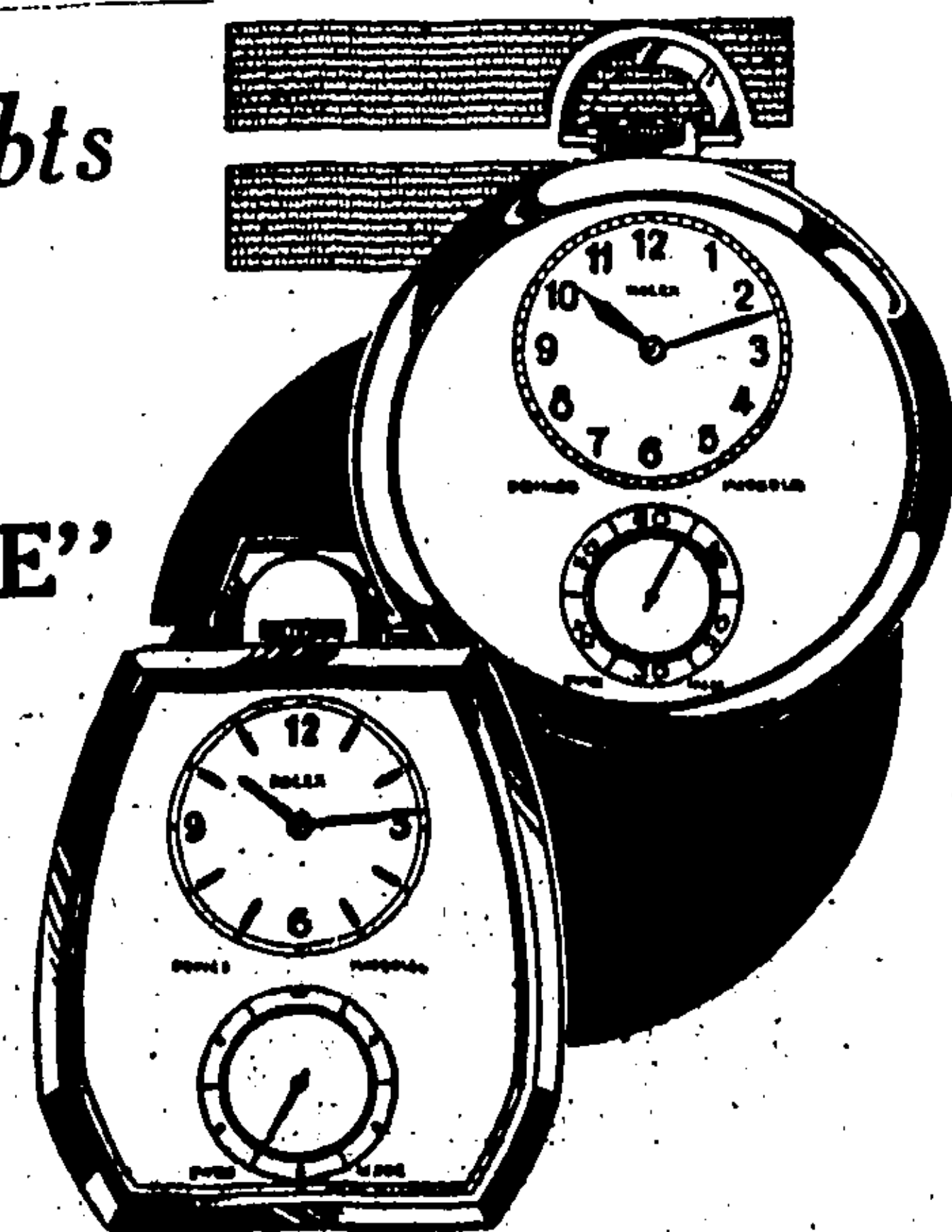
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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

A MASSIVE CONCENTRATION of Soviet troops has taken place on the border of the Rumanian province of Bessarabia, and along the River Dnieter.

The concentration is connected with the significant article published in the "Communist International" demanding that Rumania sign a non-aggression pact with the Soviet.

Foreign observers wonder whether the Soviet intends to pursue towards Rumania a policy similar to that against Finland.

Most observers are of opinion that Russia will not permit Rumania to be controlled by any country but Russia.

Some even believe that the Soviet expansionist policy is also aiming at control of Bulgaria. — Havas.

**LIVERPOOL
STEAMER
SUNK**

London, To-day.

The Liverpool steamer Chancellor (4,607 tons) is reported to have been sunk in the Atlantic following a collision with another vessel in convoy.

The crew were rescued.

Built in 1916, the Chancellor was owned by the Charente Steamship Company, who have now lost two ships in a few days, the other being the Huntsman.—Reuter.

**STOLEN CIGARETTES
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The police recovered two cases of Yellow Dragon cigarettes, valued at \$1,330, and two cases of Star brand cigarettes, valued at \$300, yesterday. The goods were part of the cargo stolen from a junk on December 1.

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BRITAIN'S TRADE RECOVERING FROM FIRST IMPACT OF WAR

London, To-day.

Replying in the Commons debate on the Liberal amendment to the address in reply to the King, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, said: "The first month of war shewed a very heavy fall in the value of our export trade, namely something like 38 %

"I cannot pretend that the fall was unexpected. The immediate effect of an outbreak of war is to destroy the conditions necessary for trade.

From the mere impact of war upon our peacetime export trade British exports fell in the first month of war in 1914 by 46 %

In the second month of the present war there was some improvement when our machinery began to work more smoothly and some of the shipping difficulties were reduced.

A comparison between October and September showed a rise from 23.1 to 24.6 millions, or a rise of seven per cent."

He could not give the final figures for November, but on preliminary figures, which there was no reason to suppose would vary very much, there had been a major change in our export position.

BACK TO PREWAR

Whereas in October the rise over September was of a magnitude of seven per cent., in November the rise over October was in the neighbourhood of 50 per cent.

The result was that the level of exports for November was about back to the level of exports for the last months before war began.

In the last war it was not until the Spring of 1916 that our exports got as close to the comparable months of the last year of peacetime as we had in November of this year.

Mr. Stanley claimed the facts he had given showed that a very considerable export trade was now being done and that export trade could be and must be increased.

TRADE RESTRICTIONS

Referring to the trade restrictions he said there were a certain number of articles and raw materials so urgently required for purposes of national defence that we could not afford to export them, or only allow them to be exported in limited quantities.

It was only by the system of export licences that we could prevent valuable exports from this country

reaching the enemy and so aiding them in their war efforts.

TO A MINIMUM

"Though these restrictions are necessary it has been, and will be, our constant effort to reduce them to a minimum and to see that they operate as smoothly as possible."

Turning to the efforts at increasing the volume of exports Mr. Stanley said: "It is along accustomed and old channels that the great volume of our export trade is being done and that the best possible hope lies of increase."

Referring to coal, which he described as the most important and valuable of our wartime exports, Mr. Stanley said coal exports had expanded considerably since the war started.

MARKETS NOT THE DIFFICULTY

"Over a large range of the export trade to-day markets are not the real difficulty. We have evidence from a large variety of traders that not only are our enquiries up to peacetime level but they are increasing." — British Wireless.

CHINA'S DELICATE POSITION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. QUO TAI-CHI LEFT FOR GENEVA LAST NIGHT TO ATTEND THE LEAGUE MEETING.

Chinese in London find themselves in a particularly delicate position for while they naturally sympathise with Finland they cannot fail to recognise that gratitude is due to the Soviet for the substantial help afforded to China in the struggle against Japan.—Reuter.

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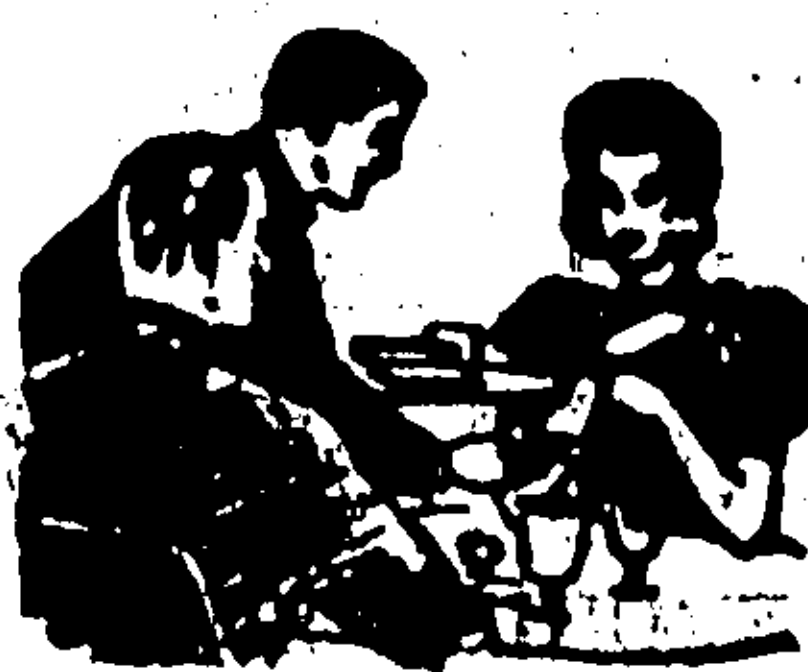
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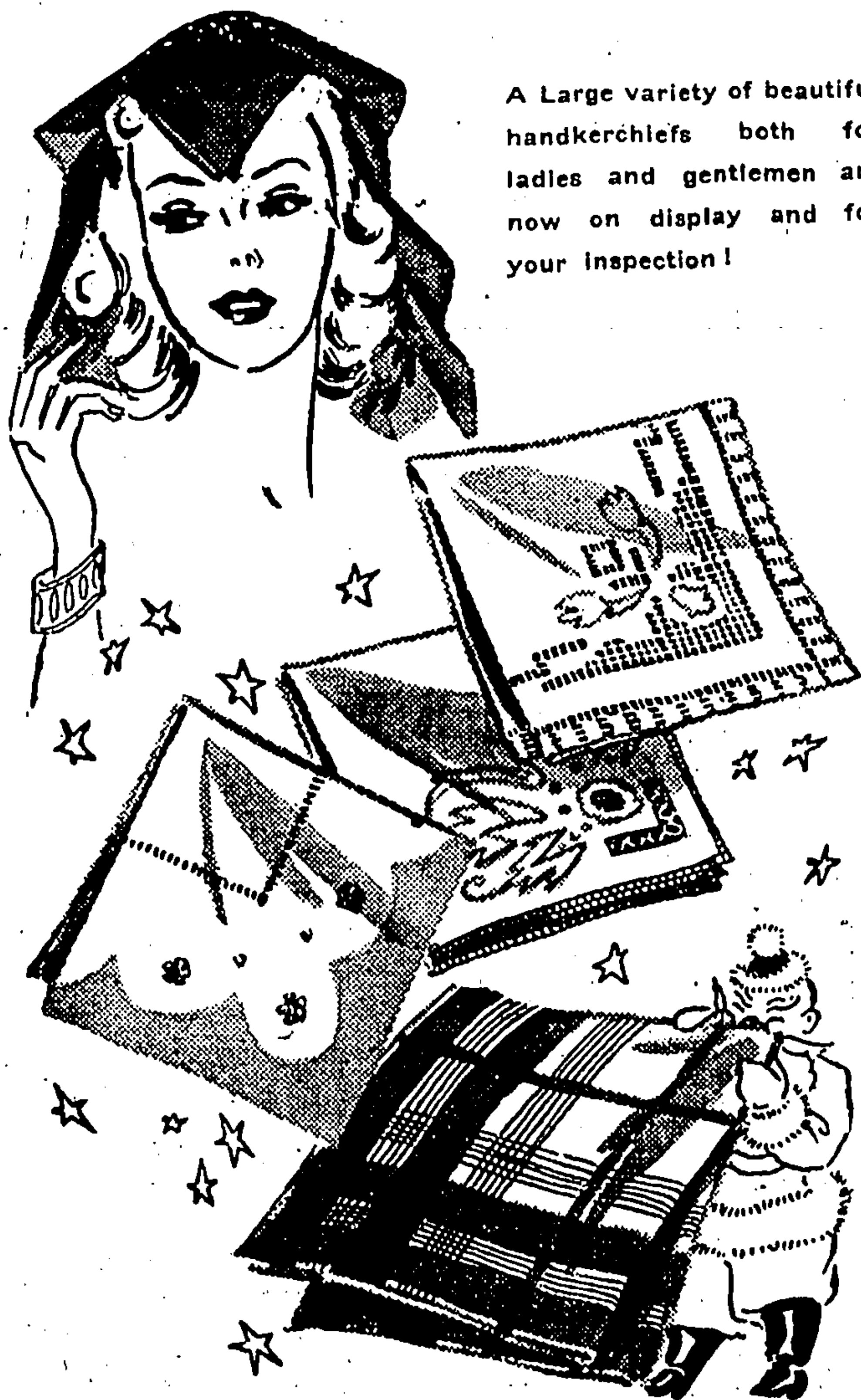
HOLLAND INDIGNANT

Torpedoing Of Liner Regarded As Deliberate



NEW WAR LOAN ISSUE—Sir John Simon recently announced in the House of Commons that he expects a big increase in savings under war conditions. The Savings Certificate Department of the Post Office has already received over £9,000,000 on the War Loan issue. Photo shows—The staff in charge of the National Savings Certificate register which represents the holdings of millions of people at the Savings Certificate branch. (By Air Mail Copyright).

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FOLLOWED CLOSE ON HEELS OF NAZI WARNING

Amsterdam, To-day.

THE NETHERLANDS is filled with indignation at the torpedoing of the *Tajandoen*, the eighth ship and the third largest Holland has lost in the war.

It is pointed out that the disaster follows immediately on Germany's threat to Holland and the Dutch reply.

Queen *Wilhelmina* yesterday visited the flooded areas in Holland and inspected the Army's defence preparations, about which no secret is being made following the new German warning.

It is learned that German official circles are angry at the news that British consular officers now board Dutch ships in Dutch ports to examine the cargo. This is being done at the suggestion of Dutch shipping interests.

It greatly speeds up the contraband control system, but Germany regards it as a gross breach of neutrality, and it is expected that German pressure on the Netherlands Government will be further increased. — *Reuter*.

DUTCH DEMARCHE IN BERLIN

The Hague, To-day.

The Netherlands Government has made a demarche to the German Government concerning the torpedoing of the tanker *Sliedrecht* last month.

It will be recalled that the Nazi U-boat commander torpedoed the tanker after he had boarded her and established her identity as a neutral vessel proceeding with neutral cargo to a neutral port.—*Reuter*.

N.Y. POLICE GUARD ON SHIPS

New York, To-day.

Special police are being detailed to guard the Ellerman Wilson Line pier on the New Jersey side of the Hudson River while British vessels are docked there, states the "New York Journal."

The step follows a new bomb threat against British vessels in New York harbour and a request for a guard initiated by the British Consulate.—*Reuter*.

WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

London, To-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to a question in the Commons as to the amount of savings certificates and defence bonds purchased, said the response to the offer to the small investor continued gratifying and down to Tuesday 13,250,000 saving certificate units, representing £10,000,000, had been applied for, and over £11,250,000 worth of defence bonds sold.—*British Wireless*.

ONLY SIX MISSING IN LOSS OF TAJANDOEN

Amsterdam, To-day.

The 8,000-ton Dutch liner *Tajandoen*, torpedoed in the English Channel yesterday while bound for the East Indies, had a crew of 53 and carried 14 passengers.

The latest report states that 34 survivors, including 6 passengers, have been picked up.

It is noted here that the *Tajandoen* was torpedoed a few hours after the Hague's reply to a German official statement to the press calling on Holland to resist Britain's blockade, with force if necessary.

In its reply, the Netherlands Government asks why Holland should have been singled out from other neutral countries in the statement, and points out that neutral countries are not obliged to resist any blockade with force.

In any event, the question is asked in Holland, why should Holland try to do what Germany certainly cannot? — *Reuter*.

Later.

A second boat-load of survivors has been picked up.

It is now believed that only six persons are missing.—*Reuter*.

ALL PASSENGERS SAFE

Later.

All the passengers on board the *Tajandoen* were saved, according to a telegram received from the captain. The six missing are all members of the crew. — *Reuter*.

MR. CHURCHILL'S VISIT TO NORTH

London, To-day.

An official communique says that Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, has returned to London after a brief visit to the North of England. — *Reuter*.

ADMIRALTY TRAWLER SUNK: 8 DEAD

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announce that H.M. trawler *Washington* (209 tons) was sunk on Wednesday in the North Sea with the loss of eight lives.—*Reuter*.



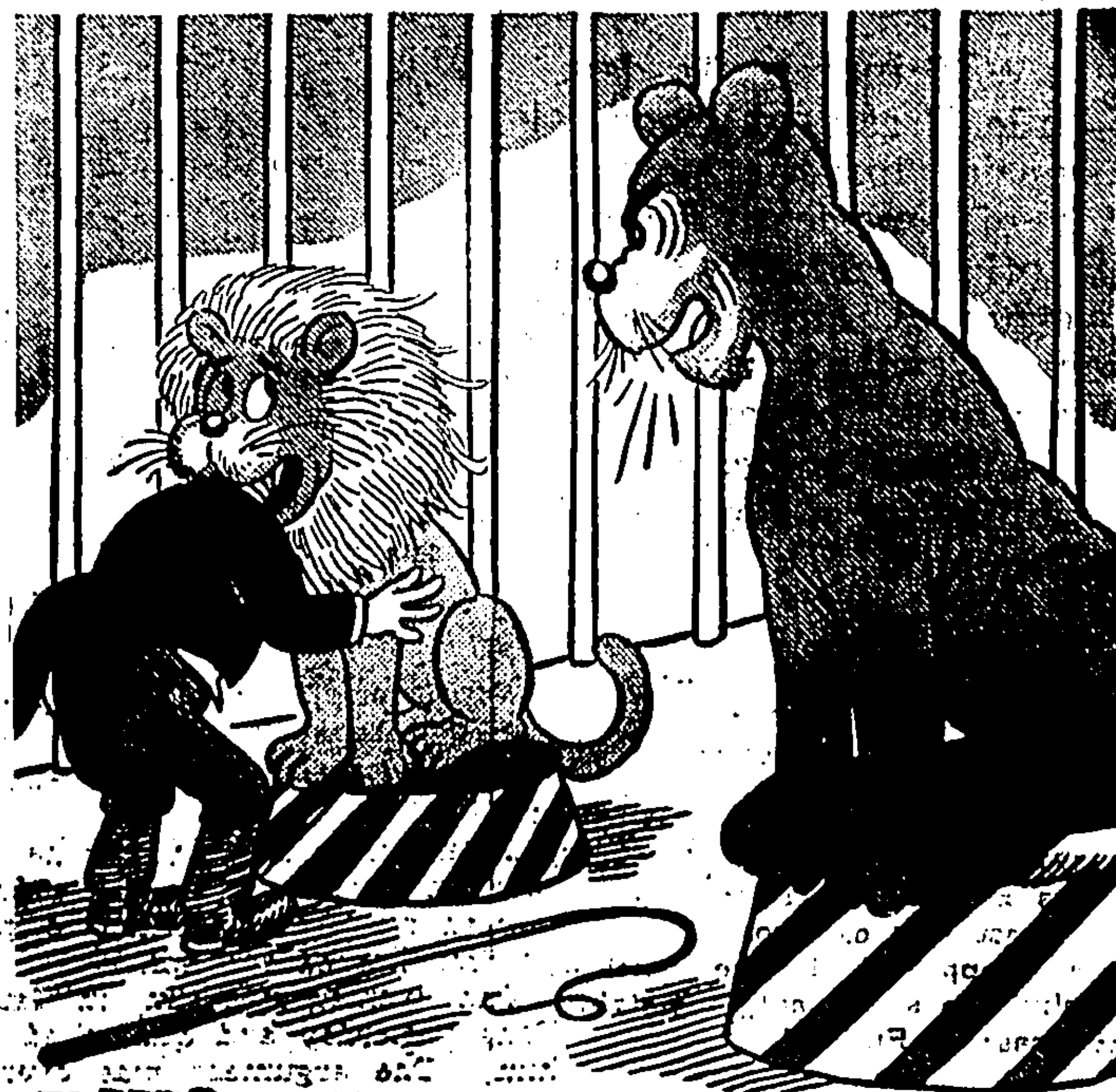
The Rev. J. R. Higgs speaking at St. Andrew's Church Bazaar on Saturday. The Bazaar was opened by Lady Macgregor, wife of the Chief Justice.



The Royal Scots captain receiving the Subalterns' Polo Cup. The Scots beat Fixed Defences (comprising the 8th Heavy Regiment and the 5th A.A. Regiment) in the final.

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"REDSKIN TACTICS" IN GRIM FIGHTING IN ARCTIC SNOW: PETSAMO LEFT IN RUINS

London, To-day.

ACCORDING TO A Norwegian correspondent in Finland, the fighting in the northern part of the country is like the "old-fashioned Redskin fighting."

The Finns are ambushing the Russians in thick woods and are taking great toll with long knives in hand to hand fighting.

Daylight in this area is only some five hours long, which imposes severe restrictions on the use of heavy artillery and aeroplanes by the Russians.

Heavy falls of snow are also robbing the Russians of their advantages in the field of tanks.

The Russians claim to have advanced 30 miles south of Petsamo, but in the past 24 hours they do not seem to have come to grips with the main Finnish defences.

Reports by Italian correspondents state that before the Finns withdrew from Petsamo, they set the town on fire, leaving the Russians with a heap of ruins.

Even the shops were cleared of their stocks; they were thrown open and the inhabitants took all the food and other goods before fleeing. Many of the inhabitants of the area are fighting side by side with the regular Finnish troops.

FOREIGNERS SAFE

About 1,000 people—mostly women, children and the aged—have crossed over into Norway and it is learned that a number of foreign employees of the nickel-mines, including Britishers and Canadians, are also safe across the border.

On the southern and central frontiers, the Russians are still trying to push the Finns back; the Finns are stoutly resisting.

Yesterday morning's Red communique claimed that Soviet troops had pierced the famous "Mannerheim Line."

The Finns deny this, and neutral reports suggest that the Russians have merely made contact with the Line at one or two points.—Reuter.

PROTEST PROPOSAL MAY BE ABANDONED

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT DENUNCIATION OF SOVIET RUSSIA BY THE AMERICAN STATES IS LIKELY TO BE DROPPED IN VIEW OF THE OBJECTIONS RAISED BY CHILE.

A statement issued by the Chilean Embassy in Washington declares that Chile would not take part in any demarche. There is the fullest sympathy with Finland and Chile regards the Soviet attack as indefensible, but in accordance with Chile's traditional policy of complete isolation from European affairs, she is unable to justify an expression of view on the Russian action through official channels.—Reuter.

SEARCH FOR ROBBERS

A number of factories and workshops in Kowloon were visited this morning by police officers, headed by the Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey, in an attempt to locate robbers who raided No. 55, Matauwei Road, Kowloon City, at 9 a.m. and escaped with \$400 in money and jewellery.

The robbers, armed with daggers, were alleged to be Shanghai natives, and all factories and workshops employing Shanghai Chinese were visited.

No arrests have been yet made.

FINNS TO ABANDON ARCTIC ZONE

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finns are getting ready to withdraw south of Arctic front and to make a stand around Avalo, where heavy fortifications are being built and reinforcements are being assembled.

Finnish Ski Troops in the Petsamo area are reported to be wearing the Soviets down.—Reuter.

GERMANY AND THE BALTS

REPERCUSSIONS IN YUGO-SLAVIA

London, To-day.

THE RECENT TRANSFERENCES of German populations from the Baltic are, according to reports reaching London from trustworthy sources, are having their repercussions among the German minorities in Slovenia, whose attitude has undergone a marked change.

They now display a definite unwillingness to leave Yugo-Slavia, and not only refuse to conduct German propaganda but are actually eager to propitiate their Slovene neighbours.

Nazis of Slovene or of mixed stock ardently assert their Slovene origin and show a desire to change German for Slovene names.

The waning of German influence is accelerated by reports reaching the town of Maribor, on the Austrian frontier.

The regime is unpopular with the peasants on the German side of the frontier who are openly critical and complain bitterly of the food shortage.

MARK COLLAPSE

The exchange value of the German mark at Maribor has fallen to one dinar, compared with eight to ten before the war.

The heavy losses in the Polish campaign suffered by Carinthian and Styrian regiments have also given rise to complaints that Austrian units, particularly those with a strong Slovene element, were deliberately sacrificed while the young men remained safely at home.—British Wire- less.

BRITISH AGREEMENT WITH TURKS

London, To-day.

The Anglo-Turkish financial and economic discussions are proceeding to a conclusion and an agreement in principle is expected to be signed shortly.

Details of the agreement will be worked out later, and are expected to include a scheme under which Turkey will use British credits to purchase armaments in the United States and Sweden.—Reuter.

FRENCH CATHOLIC CHURCH BOMBED

Chungking, To-day.

The French Catholic Church in Huichow, south Anhwei was demolished in an air raid by Japanese planes.

No casualties are reported. A large French ensign was painted on the roof.—Central News.

NEWFOUNDLAND MAKES HER CONTRIBUTION

London, To-day.

Tribute was paid in the Commons to Newfoundland patriotism by Mr. Anthony Eden when he revealed that besides active recruitment for the Navy and Army, Newfoundland is also making a financial contribution in the form of increased taxation framed to fall on those best able to bear it, and whereby assistance required from the United Kingdom Exchequer by grant in aid is reduced.—British Wire- less.

SYMPATHY IS NOT ENOUGH

DRAMATIC APPEAL BY FINLAND

Helsinki, To-day.

A desperate appeal to the world for help was issued by a Finnish Foreign Office spokesman in an interview with Reuter last evening.

The spokesman said every Finnish citizen was asking what the world is going to do about Finland.

"Sympathy," he said, "comes from all quarters but we must have more than sympathy."

"A small land of 3,000,000 cannot be expected to forever hold Russia with 180,000,000, and if someone doesn't come to Finland's aid she will be finished and will suffer the same fate as Poland, or worse."

OSLO POWERS' LIP-SERVICE

"What Sweden, Norway and Denmark are doing is lip-service and is insufficient. Arms and men must be given, and given soon."

"The defeat of Finland would mean far more for Britain and France and the world than the defeat of Poland, and Germany should stop to think."

"Russia may now be her ally, but what chance will Germany have even if she should succeed against Britain and France?"—Reuter.

FALSE PRETENCES

Before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, Wong Kong-hui, 26, was charged with obtaining money by false pretences.

Defendant pretended that he was a court interpreter, and asked a Chinese woman for \$10, promising to get a hawker licence for her.

The woman met him in Kau Yu Fong yesterday and quarrelled with him. The argument was overheard by a constable, who arrested accused.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed, and he was ordered to be placed under Police supervision for two years.

SMALL AMOUNTS OF GOLD IN H.K. MINES

Hong Kong Mines' output during November amounted to 8751 short dry tons of ore treated, from which 374.51 dry tons of lead concentrates were produced, averaging 61.98% lead and 13.21 oz. silver per ton (short) and 0.03 oz. per short ton gold.

Soviet Gains Secured At Heavy Cost Of Life

Finns Battle On With Cold, Methodical Fury

2,000 SOVIET DEAD IN PETSAMO CLASH

Stockholm, To-day.

HEAVY MISTS AGAIN prevented air activity on either side in Finland yesterday.

Recent flights by Soviet planes over Finnish territory are believed to have been undertaken to explore the possibilities of landing troops by parachute. **The Finns are not dismayed, for a network of watchers, with rifles loaded, stands ready day and night to deal with parachutists, and anti-aircraft batteries have already prayed effective against Russian planes.**

Russian warships are reported to be searching for Finnish warships off the coast of Sweden.

Telegrams from Haparanda report a fierce battle (described as the bloodiest which has yet occurred) in the vicinity of Petsamo. It is estimated that 7,000 Russians were in the field when the battle began, and they have already lost 2,000.

The Finns are stated to be fighting with a cold methodical fury.

"STEAMROLLER" CHECKED
According to the newspaper "Aftonbladet," the Soviet steam-roller on the Karelian Isthmus has apparently been checked, and may even be stuck.

It is reported from Helsinki that a heavy engagement occurred north-east of Kemijarvi, in which 3,000 Russians were driven back.

The retirement of the Finnish troops brought them to their main line of defence in this sector.

FINNISH GOVERNMENT
Finnish Government departments are still functioning in Helsinki. They use secret addresses and change their telephone numbers constantly, in order to frustrate possible espionage.

So far 2,500 Swedes have offered to serve in the Finnish forces. — Reuter.

SOVIET PLANES ATTEMPT NEW RAIDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Berne, To-day.

Press reports (which are denied in Helsinki) state that Finnish planes raided Leningrad and Kronstadt yesterday.

Finnish anti-aircraft guns shot down several Soviet planes which tried to raid Viipuri.

Other Soviet air raids over Petsamo, Pitkeranta and north of Lake Ladoga were repulsed.

The Russians continue to disembark strong reinforcements in the Petsamo district. — Havas.

SUPPLIES FOR FINNISH FORCES

London, To-day.

The Finnish Air Force has taken delivery of some 50 to 60 Italian aeroplanes.

British factories will be sending 30

POISON GAS SHELLS ALLEGATION

Helsinki, To-day.
The Finnish New Agency reports that "in an attack on Finnish batteries north of Lake Ladoga, the Soviets used shells containing poison gas. Eleven Finnish soldiers were asphyxiated." — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT'S PLAN TO AID FINNS

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt hopes to be able to help the Finns by supplying them with surplus crops on credit. — Reuter.

RUSSIAN FORCES FIGHTING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

AIR AND-LAND ACTIVITY on the whole front has been considerably reduced owing to weather conditions.

There have been heavy snowfalls and Arctic darkness during the day along the 700-kilometre front from Lake Ladoga to the Arctic Sea.

The Russians often lose contact between the various units, and are suffering from hardships in the desert land.

The Finnish railway between Lake Ladoga and the Gulf of Bothnia, which passes dangerously near the Soviet border, has not been threatened so far.

On the other hand, the Finns are constantly threatening Soviet scouting elements, who have suffered heavy losses.

The opinion is held that a Soviet landing on the Finnish coast is not possible.

Soviet allegations that they have shattered the Mannerheim Line, Finland's main defence system, are categorically denied.

MORALE HIGH

Helsinki was without newspapers yesterday morning following the previous day's celebrations of the National Holiday.

The morale of the population is high. — Havas.

Fighter aircraft to Finland shortly and also a large quantity of war materials.

Orders for these were placed some time ago, and these shipments are in fulfilment of private contracts; it is emphasised in London that the British Government has no connection with these shipments. — Reuter.

IMPORTANT OSLO PARLEYS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

The Swedish Foreign Minister, Mr. R. Sandler, and the Danish Foreign Minister, Mr. P. R. Munch, arrived here yesterday morning for a conference of the three Scandinavian countries.

The conference will examine the situation created by the Russian aggression against Finland and the Finnish appeal to Geneva. — Havas.

M. ERKKO CHEERED TO ECHO IN STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, To-day.
At a meeting in Stockholm attended by 6,000 people, M. Erkkö, the Finnish Foreign Minister, was cheered to the echo. When an appeal for funds to help Finland was made, even wedding rings were thrown into the collection boxes.

Crowds at the railway station cheered Mr. Sandler as he left for Oslo to attend the conference of Scandinavian ministers who are to discuss Russia's invasion of Finland. — Reuter.

SANCTIONS AGAINST SOVIET

London, To-day.

The "Daily Telegraph" diplomatic correspondent understands that Britain will support the proposals expected to be made at Geneva that Sanctions be imposed against Russia.

Finland has not invoked the Article calling for Sanctions but it is expected that the League itself will discuss the position under Article XVI which, while imposing Sanctions, leaves action to the discretion of individual members.

The correspondent says it is not apparently the intention of Britain to call for the exclusion of Russia from the League, but Britain would support such a proposal if it is advanced.

There seems little doubt that the Latin-American members will strongly press for the expulsion of Russia.

Finland's appeal will be considered by the committee of the full Assembly on Tuesday, at which a draft resolution will affirm that Russia's aggression against Finland is a matter of concern to the whole League. — Reuter.

DEPARTURE OF FINNISH LEGATION

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. EMBASSY WERE EXPECTED TO BE THE ONLY DIPLOMATS TO SEE THE FINNISH LEGATION OFFICIALS OFF LAST NIGHT FROM MOSCOW.

The German Minister, doyen of the diplomatic body, suggested that neutral missions, with the exception of the United States, should not see the Finns off as it might look an anti-Soviet demonstration.

There is no explanation why the Minister excluded the United States Legation. — Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
GERMANY'S WARNING

Moscow, To-day.

It is understood that the German Embassy warned diplomats of several small States that their presence at the station for the farewell would be considered a hostile demonstration towards the Soviet. — Havas.

DEPRESSION EAST OF PHILIPPINES

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone covers China, Korea and the adjacent seas.

The northern depression is moving into the Pacific to the east of Japan. The depression to the east of the Philippines is moving west-north-west.

TERSE AS USUAL

Paris, To-day.
Last night's French war communiqué stated: "A quiet day on the whole. There were patrols on either side." — Reuter.



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Lady Macgregor being presented with a bouquet, at St. Andrew's Church Bazaar.

British Offer To Neutrals

Chartering Of Millions Of Tons Of Shipping

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London, To-day.

IT IS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED in London, with reference to the statement made in the Commons by Mr. Winston Churchill regarding British chartering of neutral vessels, that the Ministry of Shipping has already arranged employment for several millions of neutral tonnage.

Such action is advantageous to neutral shipowners in that the British Government takes over the liability of war risks, profits are guaranteed not speculative, and vessels chartered are conducted from port to port by the effective convoy system of the Royal Navy.

Experience of recent weeks suggests that British ships proceeding in convoys are safer from indiscriminate German attacks than neutral vessels travelling unaccompanied on peaceful and normal commercial business.

Neutral ships are finding employment in British trades on the same footing as British ships in respect of bunkers, repairs and other facilities, which mean so much to shipowners, even in peacetime, and become increasingly important in war.

It is thus clear that the system of chartering neutral tonnage by Great Britain operates to the mutual advantage of both parties.—Reuter.

MASKED ROBBERS IN VILLAGE

Twelve men, wearing masks and carrying revolvers, robbed two shops in Shan Tin Village, Lokmachau, at 1.30 a.m. to-day.

The first victim was the Chai Sang Herbs Shop, and before entering, the robbers disconnected the burglar alarm connected to the district police station.

They then forced an entrance and stole \$400 in cash, jewellery and clothing.

Down the road a little way, at the Hop Yick Grocery, they ransacked the premises and made off with H.K.\$300 and Canton \$200. They escaped before the police could be summoned; they fired no shots.

JAPANESE BURN JUNK

JAPANESE DESTROYER NO. 42 ROBBED AND BURNED A CARGO JUNK OFF LIN TIN ISLAND ON WEDNESDAY, ACCORDING TO A REPORT MADE LAST NIGHT TO THE POLICE.

The steersman of the junk said that ten Japanese sailors boarded the junk and forced him, the crew of seven and four passengers into a sampan, ordering them to sail away.

The Japanese, after transferring the cargo of preserved vegetables and other goods to the destroyer, set fire to the junk.

The cargo was valued at \$20,000, Cantonese currency, and the junk at \$10,000.

Miss T. D. H. Helby, of 8, Peak Mansions, has reported the loss on November 29 of a gold brooch somewhere between her home and the Victoria Barracks.

PLANE DOWNED BY RIFLE SHOT

Helsinki, To-day.
Finland to-day honours a Finnish rifleman who brought down a Soviet plane with one shot. The rifleman drew a careful bead on the aircraft's petrol tank, fired one shot pierced the tank—and down came the plane, just outside Helsinki.—Reuter.

AIR RAID WARNINGS IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.
German reconnaissance planes flew over Western France yesterday and air-raid warnings were sounded over a wide area.—Reuter.

BRITISH PEOPLE CAN BE TRUSTED WITH THE TRUTH

London, To-day.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL gets a good press in connection with his statement in the House of Commons on the progress of the war at sea.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that he did not attempt to gloss over the realities. He said quite frankly that losses must be expected, and even occasional disasters.

That was better than concealing the truth. Mr. Churchill showed that he was confident of the ultimate issues of the war, and that there are good grounds for his confidence. The British people could be trusted with the truth.

ESSENTIAL FACTS

The "Manchester Guardian," commenting on Lord Halifax's statement on Tuesday, says that he recalled certain essential facts which are sometimes obscured by slovenly thought.

The main one was that the war would end when the German Government accepts the Allies fundamental grounds for peace and was a Government whose word could be accepted. There was no such evidence at present.

Lord Halifax hopes, continues the paper, that the present co-operation with France might later bring about wider economic relations in Europe. That is a conviction which is gaining ground in Britain.

The "News Chronicle" announces that a survey shows that two out of every three people in Great Britain now have access to some form of air-raid shelter.—Reuter.

COL. REITZ IN LISBON

Lisbon, To-day.

Colonel Reitz, South African Minister for Native Affairs and recently representative at the Empire talks in London, arrived in Lisbon yesterday, and is now visiting Portugal at the invitation of the Portuguese Government.

He will discuss matters of great interest to Portugal and South Africa, particularly in connection with Angola and Mombasa.

The Portuguese press emphasizes the importance of his visit to Portuguese colonial policy.—Reuter.

HOLLAND LIFTS BAN ON 'PHONES

Amsterdam, To-day.
The Netherlands military authorities have lifted the ban on the use of telephones in the areas proclaimed some time ago to be in a "state of siege." Only the Dutch, English, French and German languages, however, may be used in conversations over the telephone.—Reuter.

JAPANESE IN TROUBLE IN KWANGSI

Chungking, To-day.
While the Japanese at Kaofeng have been repulsed, those who advanced on the Nanking-Pinyang highway to Paitong, 30 miles northeast of Nanning, have been driven southward, according to military advices.

A Japanese unit trapped in the hills at Kaofeng is running short of food. During a severe engagement at Kaofeng, some 600 Japanese were killed.—Central News.

FRENCH DEBATE THE BUDGET

Paris, To-day.
The French Chamber of Deputies yesterday began its debate on the budget. Each speaker is limited to 3½ minutes.—Reuter.



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LORD GORT

There's a sense of tremendous, controlled energy, of great determination about Lord Gort. He's been a soldier for 34 years, and now, at the comparatively young age of 53, he has the responsibility of directing the British Expeditionary Force. Early on in the last War he was a Captain in the Grenadier Guards and A.D.C. to Sir Douglas Haig. Then, in 1917, he was appointed to command the 4th Grenadiers, and late in September, 1918, he won the V.C. just about two months before the Armistice. He was commanding the leading battalion of the 3rd Guards Brigade which had orders to cross the Canal du Nord in the face of bitter German resistance. The Canal at that spot ran through low, muddy ground which was raked by enemy machine-gun fire. Lord Gort was wounded early in the attack, but he led a platoon down a sunken road to make a flanking attack. They were under terrific fire all the way. Then suddenly he saw a British tank crossing open ground, so he got out of the sunken road and ran across through a hail of bullets to get its help. He was wounded again, much more severely this time, and was so faint from the loss of blood that they had to put him on a stretcher. But he still continued to direct the fight personally until the German position was turned. Anyone who's been under machine-gun and shell fire for an hour or two on open ground will know what sort of details those are. To say the least, it's a nerve-racking experience. But the moral of that story is that we have a real soldier in command to-day, a man who's seen war at its worst and taken its fullest risks himself. Britain's not going into this war with any decorative dugouts in command. She's in it with a man in charge who was born to fight and command, who has a long way to go yet. Lord Gort has the high peaks of his career in front of him. In the last war he was mentioned nine times in despatches, won the Military Cross and got two bars to his D.S.O., before he topped it with the V.C. That's a record that would do most men for a lifetime. But somehow one feels that Lord Gort's only just beginning.—"The Listener."

WAR WITH A SMILE

The country that goes to war with a quip on its tongue and a smile on its lips is already halfway to victory. Thank God that's how our fellows are fighting. You may have heard some of the merry songs that are being broadcast. I talked the other day to a young airman who had taken part in the distribution over Germany of what A. P. Herbert wittily calls bomb-plets, and was amazed by his cheerfulness. Recently I met an old shipmate who is engaged in the dangerous job of taking British ships from the port to another for repairs. He told me that some of the nights were the blackest he had ever experienced. A sailor is more or less accustomed to darkness, for there are no street lights at sea, and the look-out is usually screened from lights on board. He told me that he had with him on one occasion a young lieutenant from the R. N. V. R. The lad was not a bit scared, but he had spent practically all his life in cities, and as he peered into the blackness ahead his imagination got the better of his judgment. The two were standing on the bridge as the ship was picking her way through the North Sea. The youngster would suddenly grip the old mate's arm and whisper, "Dark object ahead, Sir." This happened once or twice and he took no notice. At the third time he turned to the lad. "Is there?" he queried, and peered forwards. "So there is," he said, "it's the nigger

cook." On another occasion he was taking tea with some enthusiastic ladies out to help the poor sailor. We all know the stupid questions such females ask. One of them turned to him and said, "Oh, Captain how is it you sailors can see so well in the dark?" "We live on cat's meat, madam," answered my wicked old pal. So long as our fighting forces are leavened by such fellows as these this country can sleep well at nights.—Naval Correspondent of "Horse and Hounds."

BILLETING CHILDREN

It is time to revise the temporary measures taken to billet the evacuated children. These were operated admirably on the whole, but plainly they are not suited to endure.

In the first place it is doubtful if 8s. 6d. is enough to cover the cost of a child's budget. Then, again, a great deal of the first enthusiasm of the hosts to be of service first enthusiasm of the hosts to be of service has dimmed.

The result is a certain strain in those households. We know the effect of it on the adult, who merely gets irritable. Nobody knows yet—or will know for several years—the hurt that the mind of the child suffers.

Therefore the news is welcome of the first national camp, an attractive place in the woods, built of timber and gaily painted.

We should build thousands of such camps for the children. There they are all treated alike; there is no favoritism for the child of the family as against the little evacuee.

We have plenty of timber, many unemployed craftsmen to set on to the task. And after this war is over we may decide to use permanently the schools in the woods.—"Evening Standard."

HISTORIC SESSION

Before the adjournment in August all parties and nearly all sections were agreed on the policy of building up a peace front by pledges to Poland and Rumania and Greece and agreement with Turkey. All hoped that Russia would join the peace bloc. By no means all expected that Hitlerism would remain tranquil for the full term of the recess. In less than three weeks the "bombshell" of the Russo-German pact was fired. Parliament was immediately summoned back to Westminster. There is no need to repeat the story of that last week of August, during which Herr Hitler took the decision for war in his time. On Sept 1 the Prime Minister announced that German troops had crossed the Polish frontier and the Chancellor of Exchequer asked for a Vote of Credit of £500,000,000. The response of the House of Commons was worthy of its noblest traditions. Mr. Arthur Greenwood spoke not only as Leader of the Opposition but as a leader of the nation. Only at one sitting was the House ill at ease, on that Saturday evening when Herr Hitler had not answered our warning and the Prime Minister was unable to say exactly now matters stood. The anxiety for action was impatient. Next morning all was changed. Composure and resolution heard the declaration of war to the end of Hitlerism. Those two scenes will be immortal in Parliamentary history. The formation of a War Cabinet with Mr. Churchill at the Admiralty and the return of Mr. Eden to the Government followed, to the general satisfaction. Legislation was passed at a speed never before known and great changes were made on our social and economic organisation by common consent. A second Budget, in which the Chancellor of the Exchequer confessed himself as "acting with fierceness," was received with the most cheerful stoicism. With a unity on major issues such as no one can remember Parliament came to the end of the first session of the war.—"Daily Telegraph."

THE CRUSADE

This is a crusade for the rescue of the ultimate factors of Christian civilisation, and we need the faith and fervour of crusaders if we are to achieve victory.—Bishop Hensley Henson.

HITLER TRIES AGAIN

Attempt To Win Over Turks Against The Allies

BARON VON LERSNER TAKES UP WHERE VON PAPEN FAILED

Istanbul, To-day.
HITLER'S LATE ENVOY to Turkey, Baron von Lersner, has been hard at work since he arrived four days ago to regain for the Reich the confidence of the Turks, since the mission of Herr von Papen (the Nazi Ambassador) is considered to have failed completely, according to despatches from Ankara.

Baron von Lersner, who describes himself as "the representative in Turkey of the German Near East Club," claims that his task consists of better furthering Turkish-German cultural, social and economic relations.

21 SOVIET PILOTS EXECUTED

Helsinki, To-day.
Reports reaching Helsinki from Baltiski, the Estonian Baltic port, state that Soviet Army officials and the O.G.P.U. have executed 21 Soviet pilots on charges of sabotage; the aviators refused to renew their aerial attacks on Finnish towns.—Reuter.

NAZI AIR PROWLERS RUN INTO TROUBLE

London, To-day.
Enemy aircraft over the North Sea on Wednesday attempted to intercept isolated patrols of the Coastal Command of the R.A.F.

In two encounters reported, the enemy machines, giant Dornier flyingboats, were beaten off badly damaged.

One Coastal Command aircraft was far out from its base, north of the Heligoland Bight, when it sighted a Dornier prowling for prey, air or seaborne.

To position himself for an effective attack, the British pilot cleverly stall-turned, that is, suddenly put his aircraft into an almost vertical climb and as it almost stalled turned and dived down on the rear of the enemy, his machine-guns plastering the Dornier with lead at short range.

FIRTH OF FORTH CLASH

The Air Ministry also announces: Eight enemy aircraft approached the coast in the Firth of Forth area shortly after mid-day.

Fighter aircraft of the R.A.F. were sent up to intercept and contact was made at about 12.45.

The enemy was driven off and one of their aircraft was seen to be hit. No bombs were dropped and the "Raiders Passed" signal was sounded about half an hour.

OFF NORTH-EAST COAST

In a later communique, the Air Ministry announced: "Shortly before the engagement in the Firth of Forth

It is not thought, however, that this new Nazi bid to win over the Turks will have the desired effect, as the Turks are not likely to forget in a hurry the bitter experiences of the past.

The Turkish newspapers on Wednesday and Thursday carried articles violently attacking the Nazi diplomats accredited to Turkey, whom they hold directly responsible for the wide distribution two days ago of a Turkish translation of a bitter attack on the Turkish press contained in "Pravda," the Moscow journal.—Reuter.

ECHO OF HOHENLOHE ACTION

London, To-day.
An echo of the recent action against Viscount Rothermere was heard in the House of Commons yesterday when Mr. George Strauss asked the Home Secretary whether, in view of the revelations in the recent High Court action, of her close association with the German Chancellery, he was considering the deportation of Princess Hohenlohe.

Sir John Anderson replied: "I understand that this Hungarian subject has made arrangements to leave the country by a boat sailing in the next few days."—Reuter.

SUMMER TIME TO BE EARLIER

London, To-day.
The Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson, answering a Commons question, said that while he was disposed to favour the earlier introduction of Summer Time next year, he thought it unnecessary to decide the exact date so far ahead.—British Wireless.

area, in which eight enemy aircraft were driven off, two enemy aircraft were encountered off the North-East coast by R.A.F. fighters. The enemy at once turned back but were pursued out to sea, one of them being seen to be hit.—British Wireless.



Survivors of the crack Japanese liner Terukuni Maru, sunk off the East coast by German mine, were taken to a London hotel. They met survivors of the Dutch ship, Simon Bolivar, which was sunk earlier in similar circumstances. Photo shows—Edgar Lewy, a survivor of the Simon Bolivar, meets 13-year-old Jean Mark of the Japanese vessel, over the breakfast table. (Air Mail Copyright).

LIBERAL CRITICS OF TRADE HITCH

London, To-day.
During the debate on the Liberal amendment to the Address in Reply, moved by Mr. Owen Evans, certain criticism was made against the falling off of British exports and doubts were expressed as to whether the best use was being made of the financial strength of the Allied countries.

Mr. Shinwell, for Labour, supported the amendment, and argued that export restrictions should be relaxed.—British Wireless.

SAD STORY MAY YET BE TOLD

London, To-day.
The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs announced in the Commons that the question of the issue of a White Paper, settling out the exchange of views during the Anglo-Russian negotiations, was being reconsidered.—British Wireless.

THEFT OF BOXES AT CATHEDRAL

Dean Wilson, of St. John's Cathedral, has reported the loss of five collection boxes, stolen from the Cathedral between sunset on Wednesday and sunrise on Thursday. The contents of the boxes is, of course, unknown.

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NEW PEACE OFFENSIVE

Germany Sending Agents For Geneva Meeting

ATTEMPT TO DIVERT EYES FROM NAZI MENACE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

IT IS RELIABLY LEARNED that Germany may take advantage of the League of Nations meeting to launch a new peace offensive.

An army of German propagandists has been sent to Geneva under various pretexts.

German propaganda will probably be carried on along the following lines:

"The attitude of France and Britain forced Germany to make terms with the Soviet, and now the Soviet threat to the whole continent can be stopped only by a cessation of hostilities."

Political quarters in London point out that Germany herself, who brought about the present conditions, is the first source of danger to Europe, and denounce the manoeuvre by which the Nazis are trying to get the high-

est price for betraying their newly acquired friend.

However, Germany appears to be really worried about Russia's advance, and, it is reported, may propose to Rumania her unofficial help against Russia, in exchange for the Rumanian oil surplus, amounting to 7,000,000 tons a year. — Havas.

SHANGHAI NAZI FIRMS CUT RISKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

AS A SEQUEL TO THE ALLIED EMBARGO ON GERMAN EXPORTS, LOCAL GERMAN INSURANCE COMPANIES HAVE FIXED 20,000 MARKS AS THE MAXIMUM VALUE OF GERMAN GOODS TO BE INSURED ABOARD A SINGLE VESSEL, AND SUCH VESSEL MUST BE FROM A NEUTRAL POWER. THE PREVIOUS MAXIMUM WAS 100,000 MARKS.

The regulation is applicable to German goods transported between Japan, the Philippines and China.

On the other hand, it is learned that the Germans attempted to disembark at Japan German goods consigned to China and which are at present aboard German ships sheltered in Japanese ports. — Havas.

KING ENTERTAINS PRESIDENT LEBRUN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN HISTORIC ENCOUNTER TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY AT A FRENCH PROVINCIAL TOWN BEHIND THE LINES WHEN THE HEADS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND FRANCE CLASPED HANDS.

His Majesty the King entertained President Lebrun and M. Daladier at lunch, at which General Lord Gort, the Duke of Gloucester and other high French and British officers were present.

Cordial toasts were exchanged, says Reuter's special correspondent with the B.E.F.—Reuter.

Mr. N. K. Littlejohn, of the P.W.D., has reported the theft of a sampan, the property of the Government, from the shores of Kung Tong yesterday.

ODD FIND ON KOWLOON STAIRCASE

A top hat contained in a cardboard box, and a bowler hat, wrapped in paper, are waiting to be claimed at the Yaumati Police Station.

Both hats were found on the staircase of No. 360, Nathan Road, by the police yesterday morning, and are in good condition.

AMERICANS VOLUNTEER IN FINLAND

Helsinki, To-day.

A total of 230 Finnish-Americans, many of whom have never seen Finland, arrived here yesterday to join the Finnish Army as volunteers.

They left New York early last month, when it became apparent that the Russians were eager to pick a quarrel. News of the Soviet invasion of Finland reached the contingent while they were at sea. — Reuter.

UNITED STATES AND BRITISH BLOCKADE

"RIGHTS RESERVED" ON THE TWO-WAY ISSUE

Washington, To-day.

IT IS LEARNED THAT the United States reserves all rights under international law in connection with Britain's order to stop German exports being made through neutral countries.

It is understood the reservation was communicated to Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, for transmission to London.

It is said to be strictly "not in the nature of an open protest," and to be based on two points.

Firstly, the question of principle under international law (in the Great War the United States, as long as she was neutral, refused to accept the British blockade of Germany).

Secondly, the United States really needs some articles she once purchased from Germany, including fine precision instruments.

It is understood Britain is willing to make a concession on such essentials to permit them being sent from Germany. — Reuter.

AMERICAN OFFERS OF SERVICE

London, To-day.

Mr. Harold Balfour, Under-secretary of State for Air, arrived back in England yesterday with the Australian Air Minister.

He had flown from Canada and he said he was amazed at the united determination of Canada to play a full part in the war.

Many Americans were coming forward and offering themselves for service with Canada, he had been told. — Reuter.

R.A.F. RAID ON GERMAN NAVAL BASE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE R.A.F. RAIDS ON GERMAN NAVAL BASES, THE GERMAN PRESS YESTERDAY ALLEGED THAT THE BRITISH PLANES WERE REPULSED BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND HAD TO MAKE THEIR ESCAPE OVER DANISH TERRITORY.

On the other hand, the Air Ministry has announced that the flight was successful, and it is denied in both London and Copenhagen that British planes violated Danish territory.

According to the German press, a German and a British machine collided off the Dutch Coast and fell into the sea.

Nothing is known about this, too, in London but a Coastal Command machine reports having inflicted damage on two Dornier flying boats over the North Sea.

Neither of the German planes was brought down, but they were damaged and "swayed in their flight," in the words of the British pilot. He said it was doubtful whether at least one of the flying-boats would be able to get back to its base.—Reuter.

COTTON OPTIONS IN BOMBAY

Bombay, To-day.

The Governor of Bombay, according to an official announcement, intends in the next day or two to make an Act declaring void options in cotton, along the lines of the Ordinance issued on Sept. 22.

The Ordinance prohibited option business in cotton in view of the violent fluctuations in prices.—Reuter.

BALTIC STATES TO TRADE VIA REICH

Riga, To-day.

Owing to the danger to shipping in the North Sea, the Baltic States are arranging to transport goods destined for Holland and Belgium via Hamburg and German waterways. — Reuter.

BRITAIN WATCHFUL FOR CONTRABAND EVASION

London, To-day.

EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE last war in the working of the system of contraband control is enabling the authorities to anticipate and prevent evasions.

The rising tide of German threats to encourage neutrals to organise measures against the British action, is regarded in London as indicating the measure of its effectiveness with which Germany herself is unable to interfere.

It is officially pointed out here that the British control, through the system of certificates of origin, is so devised to ensure that genuine neutral exports will not be impeded, whereas goods of suspected German origin are carefully scrutinised.

The authorities are fully prepared to meet cases which will doubtless arise of unscrupulous shippers abusing certificates of origin and attempting to pass enemy goods as of neutral origin.

WATCH ON ABUSE

The British Ministry of Economic Warfare has taken steps to ensure that such abuses will be detected.

Nor will neutral vessels find it easy, when proceeding outwards from Europe through the British contraband control, to avoid search.

The most stringent supervision is being exercised by British warships.

In the last war neutrals found it not to their advantage to attempt evasion. — British Wireless.

News Snack Bar

THE GIRL, THE EGG AND THE FEATHER BED...

HERE IS THE strange story of a girl who is so sensitive to eggs that even feathers in a feather bed affect her.

It is related in "The British Medical Journal" by Mr. T. G. Wynne Parry, hon. ophthalmic surgeon at Llandudno Hospital.

The girl, unaware of the cause of her illness, was brought to hospital suffering from cyclitis (an inflammation of the eyes), and for a long time there was no improvement.

COAL-HEWER GOT RECORD IN RECORDS

Coal-hewer and lover of music, Mr. Sidney Wright, of Cemetery-road, Cannock, Staffs, was offered 101 dusty old records of opera—for £1. He bought them.

Twenty-seven of the records are old single-sided discs made by Caruso, the Italian tenor, who died in 1921. Others were made by Tetravzini, Galli-Curci, Gigli and John McCormack. "It must be a world's record bargain," said Mr. Wright.

Gramophone records which a few years ago were valueless are now fetching fairly big money. You may have a "first edition" at home if you have any old records. Have a look.

At last she was stopped eating eggs and became much better.

She liked chicken, she said, but it disagreed with her. She slept on a feather bed but she never felt rested and would prefer a hair mattress.

Later she returned to Llandudno Hospital with all the old symptoms, and said that while breaking eggs to make a cake some of the egg-white got on the back of her hand.

She rubbed it off, but a few minutes afterwards the skin began to itch and an hour later all the other symptoms returned. They disappeared in two or three days.

She is undergoing a course of desensitisation.

Snack Bar says: This form of sensitiveness to a food or drug is known as an allergy. Many people are allergic to eggs although a case where the sensitiveness extended to feathers is probably unique. "Desensitisation" is achieved by feeding or injecting patients with gradually increasing doses of the subject which affects them.



H.M. the Queen made a broadcast speech to women of the Empire on Nov. 13, telling them of the vital work of women in war-time and thanking them for the way they have answered the call. Photo shows the Queen making her broadcast speech. (Air Mail Copyright).

Still More Cars

Sales of motor vehicles of all classes for the nine months show an increase of nearly seven per cent. over the corresponding period of last year. Sales of private cars alone increased by over nine per cent.

Gestapo Spies

Germany is enrolling more and more "informers" to check the activities of those critical of the Nazi regime. "Big business," in particular, is receiving special attention from Gestapo spies.

No, There's Nothing New

The remains of hob-nailed footwear were found on the feet of a skeleton of a Roman buried 2,000 years ago and uncovered at the Roman camp at Chisbury, near Weymouth.

Gauleiter's Fear

Gauleiter Lohse, of Kiel, is reported to have transformed his house into a fortress. Arms, ammunition, and food are hoarded in the basement. The Gauleiter is said to have taken these measures in case of a possible revolt against the Nazis.

Teacher Was Dumb!

Because of the inquisitiveness of young workers in factories they are more prone to accidents than older workers, says Sir Duncan Wilson, Chief Inspector of Factories, in his report for 1938.

Urging the need for more tuition of workers, the report says that in one accident where a boy had been injured, the inspector found that the instructor was deaf and dumb.

A warning is issued regarding the danger of fitting out a boy with overalls "to allow room to grow," and of poor boots where the feet may have to run the risk of burning or laceration.

Dr. Frank Fails

Dr. Frank, the newly appointed Governor of German-occupied Poland, has failed in his efforts to form a Polish Protectorate Government.

Leading Poles in Warsaw and Cracow were recently approached with this object by high German officials. They gave a firm refusal.

The Nazis promised to introduce a "tolerable regime of self-government on the lines of the Czech Protectorate, subject to higher German interests."

Sabotage In Nazi

Barracks

There are believed to have been many casualties in a big fire which destroyed the Nazi Black Guards' barracks at Constance.

Sabotage is suspected, and the Gestapo immediately isolated the area from telephonic communication.

Patrols guarding the Swiss side of Lake Constance (says the "Daily Mail" Zurich Correspondent) saw flames break forth almost simultaneously from different parts of the barracks.

If Hitler Had Died

M. Jean Thouvenin, writing in the Paris newspaper *L'Intransigeant*, stated:

"It is rumoured that if the Munich attempt on Hitler's life had succeeded, Goring, as Hitler's successor, would have formed a temporary Government and would then have asked the Allies to stop the war in order to facilitate the task of reorganising the Fourth Reich.

"His proposals would, according to these rumours, have included a plebiscite in Austria, and the liberation of Czecho-Slovakia and Poland. He would have asked Russia to give up her territory in Poland which she has occupied."

The Government is considering whether a further evacuation scheme is necessary. Many mothers with children who were evacuated but returned home are now registering again.

Petition to King Fails

Miss Ethel Self, the schoolteacher, of Long Stratton, Norfolk, who is conducting a campaign against a conviction for dangerous driving recorded against her at Lowestoft in 1936, was told by the Home Office that no action was being taken on the petition she recently presented to the King.

Any citizen who feels he has been wronged has by ancient law the right of direct appeal to the King, although this is rarely exercised. The King acts on advice tendered by his legal adviser.

Queer News

We get some queer messages every day. Take your choice from yesterday's batch.

An Atlanta (Georgia) man bought a trunk containing £200 worth of securities for 16s. . . . By means of instalment-plan purchases and pawning, a Reading (Pennsylvania) youth pyramided 8s. into a £135 diamond ring . . . A New York gaol prisoner was found to be receiving relief cheques . . . An eighty-six-year-old Colloden (West Virginia) woman remarried her ex-husband fifty years after they had been divorced, and a New Orleans woman got her first permanent wave at the age of 104.

Blood Transfusion

For Bull

Blood transfusion was used to save the life of a valuable Aberdeen Angus bull in the Transvaal. After a "compatibility" test, the sick bull received about one and a half gallons of blood from a bull of the same breed. It recovered within two days.

Like that of human beings the blood of certain animals varies, and without a "compatibility" test the transfusion might prove fatal.

Fifty Germans returning to their own country from Elre, passed through England in specially sealed railway carriages.

New 5s. Stamp

Five-shilling postage stamps of a new design bearing the head of King George VI, are on sale at the principal post offices in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The lower portion is occupied by the royal arms, supported by the lion and unicorn, with the word "Postage" underneath.

Presented From Court

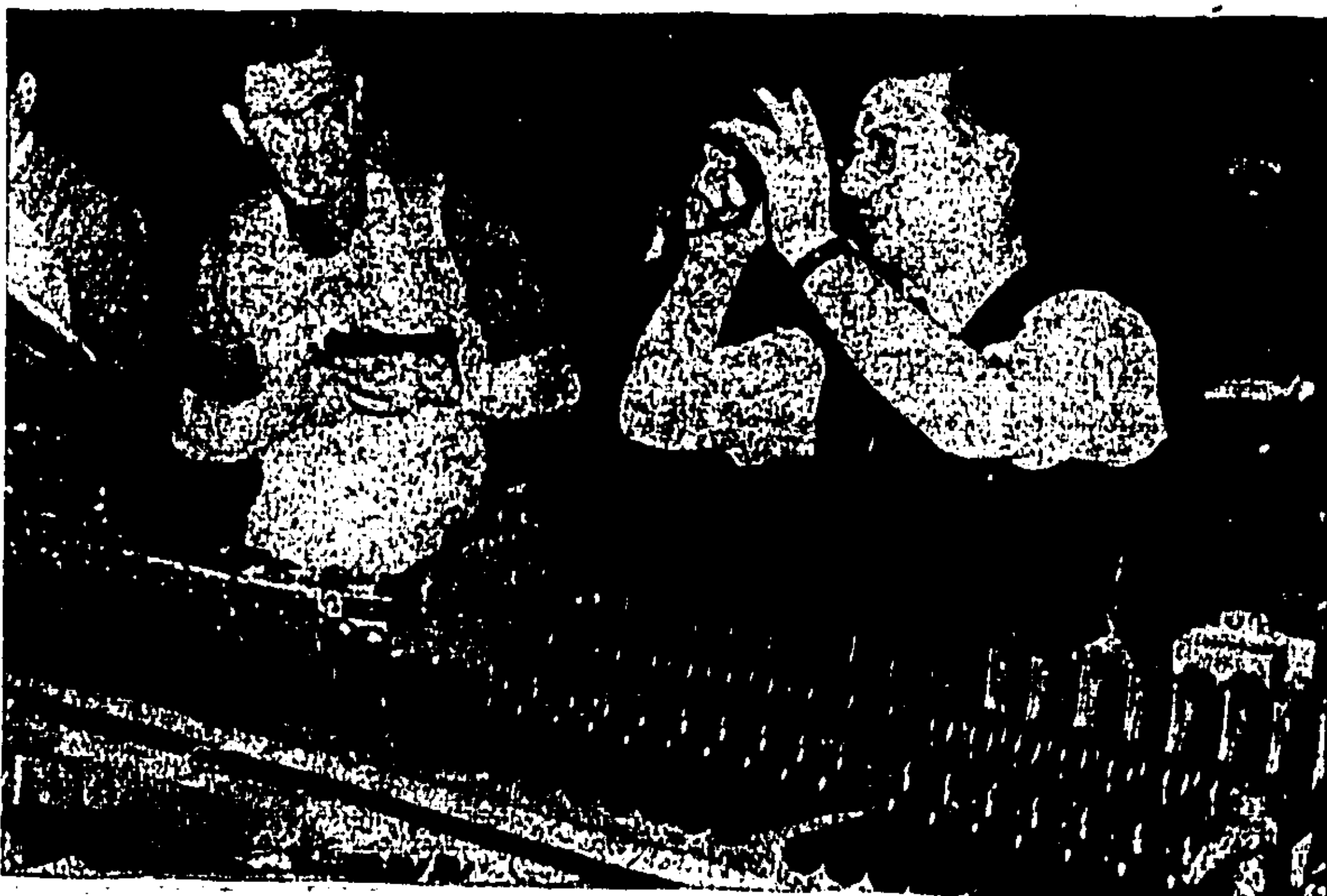
Mother at Wood Green: He is not as other boys are; he is a good boy.

Defendant at Wood Green: I remember it was raining at the time because the police-constable was anxious I shouldn't get wet while he was taking particulars.

"My husband is a golfing professor."—Woman at Highgate.

Witness at Highgate: I could tell the lady was distressed because she didn't raise a single objection when the man started talking.

Legislation may be introduced enforcing the closing of shops half an hour before sunset.



The mass production of revolvers at a Royal Ordnance factory in England under a wartime programme. (By Air Mail. Passed by the Censor).



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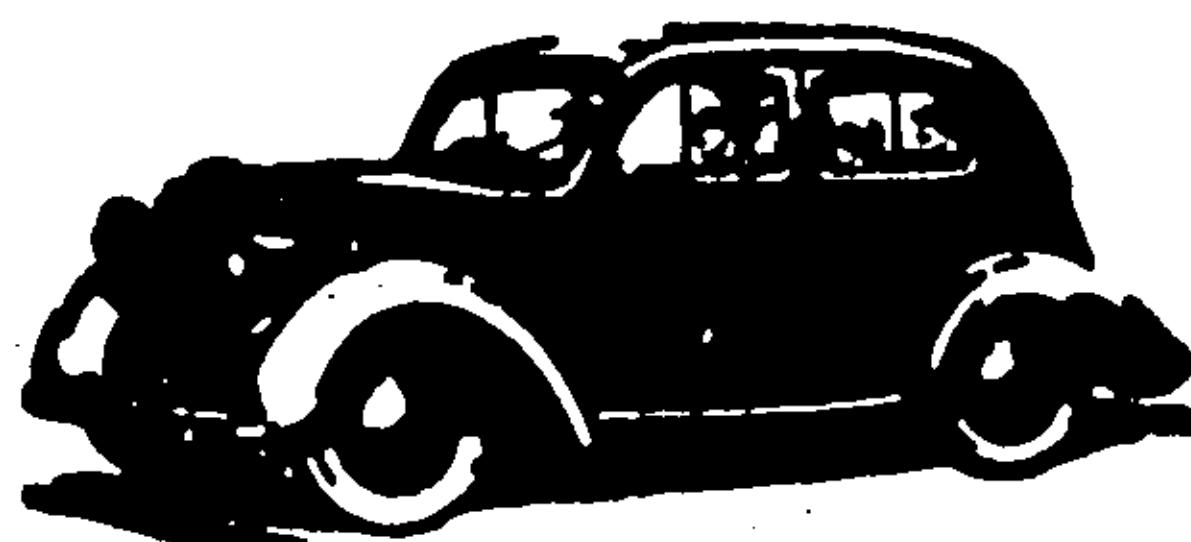
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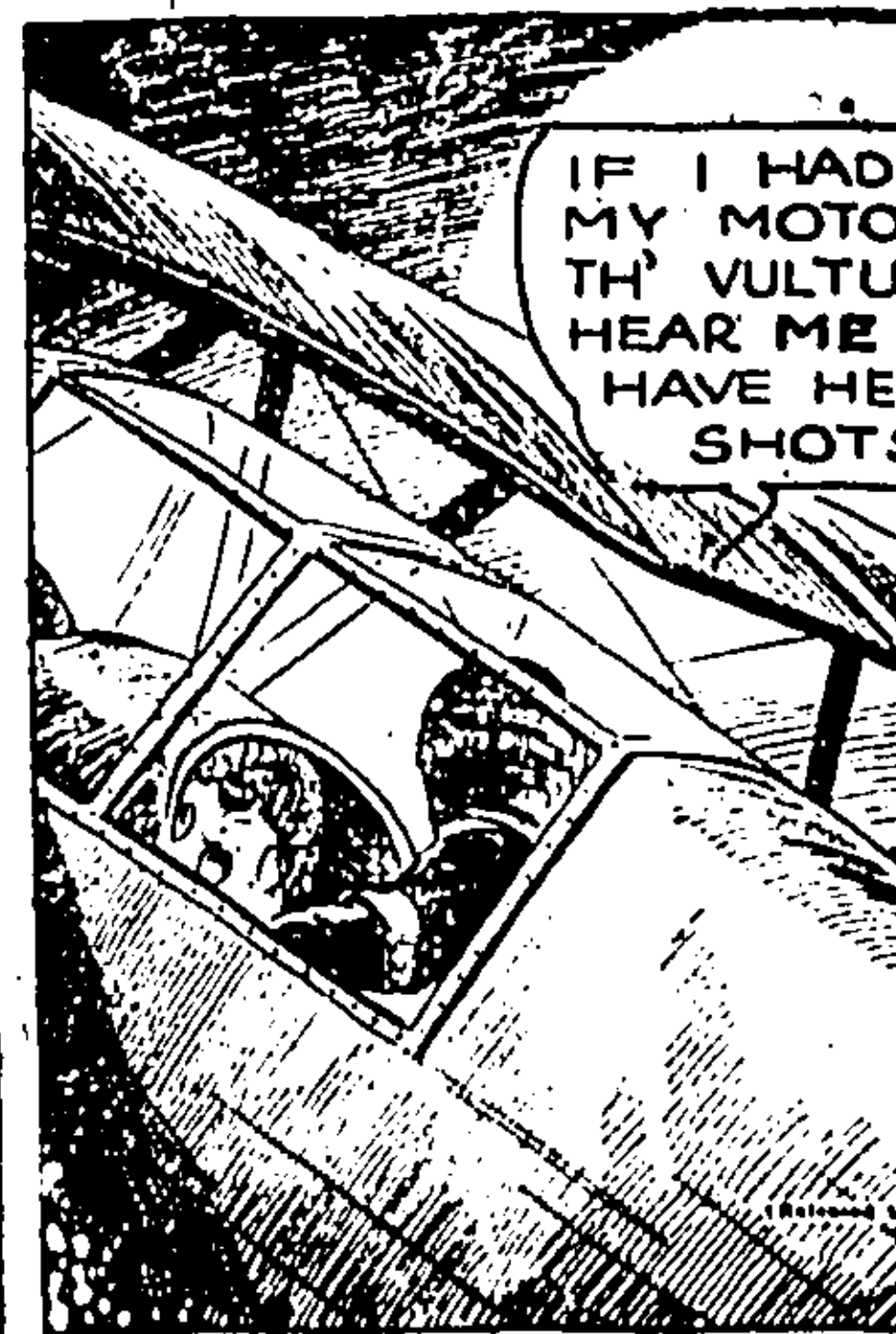
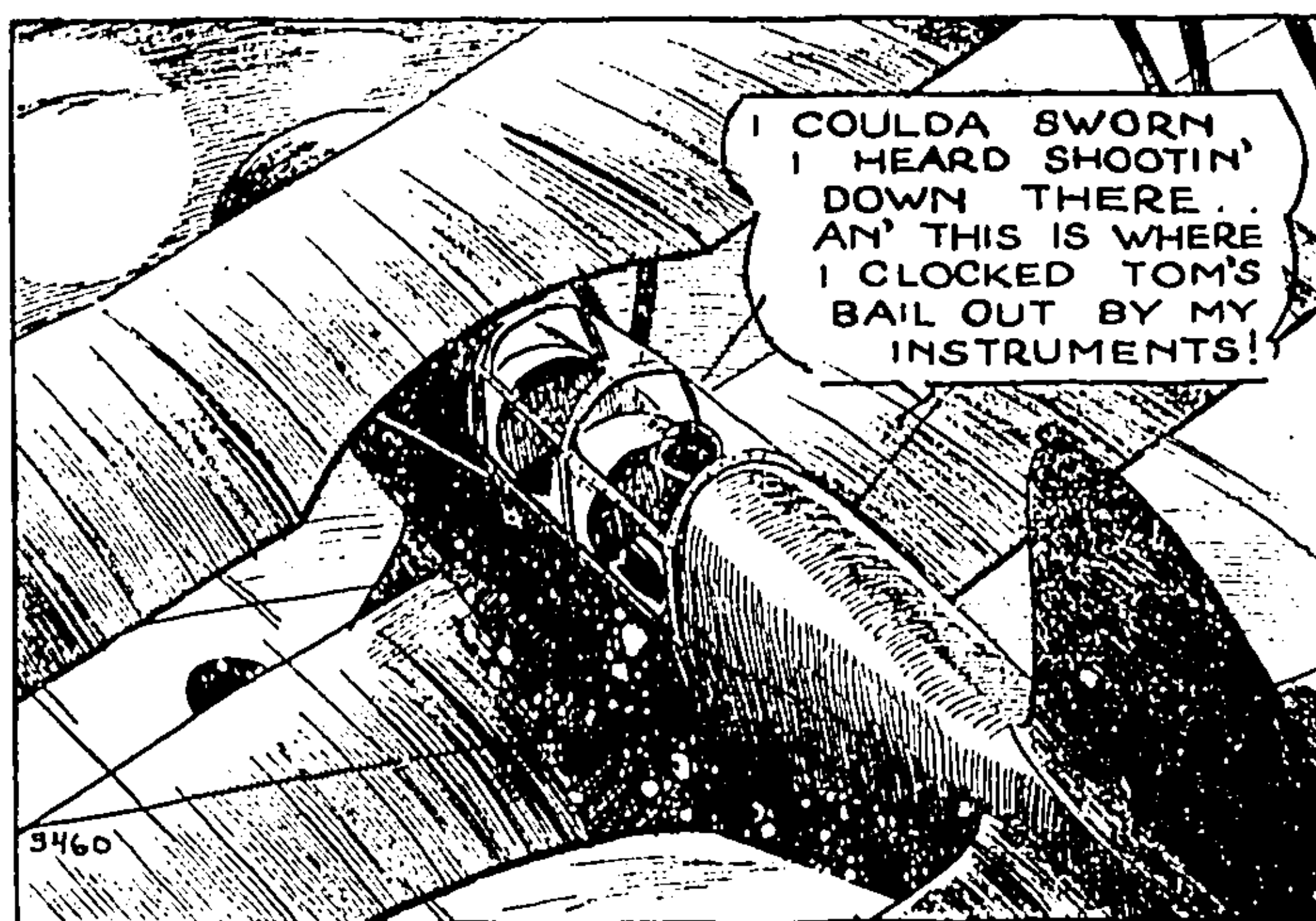
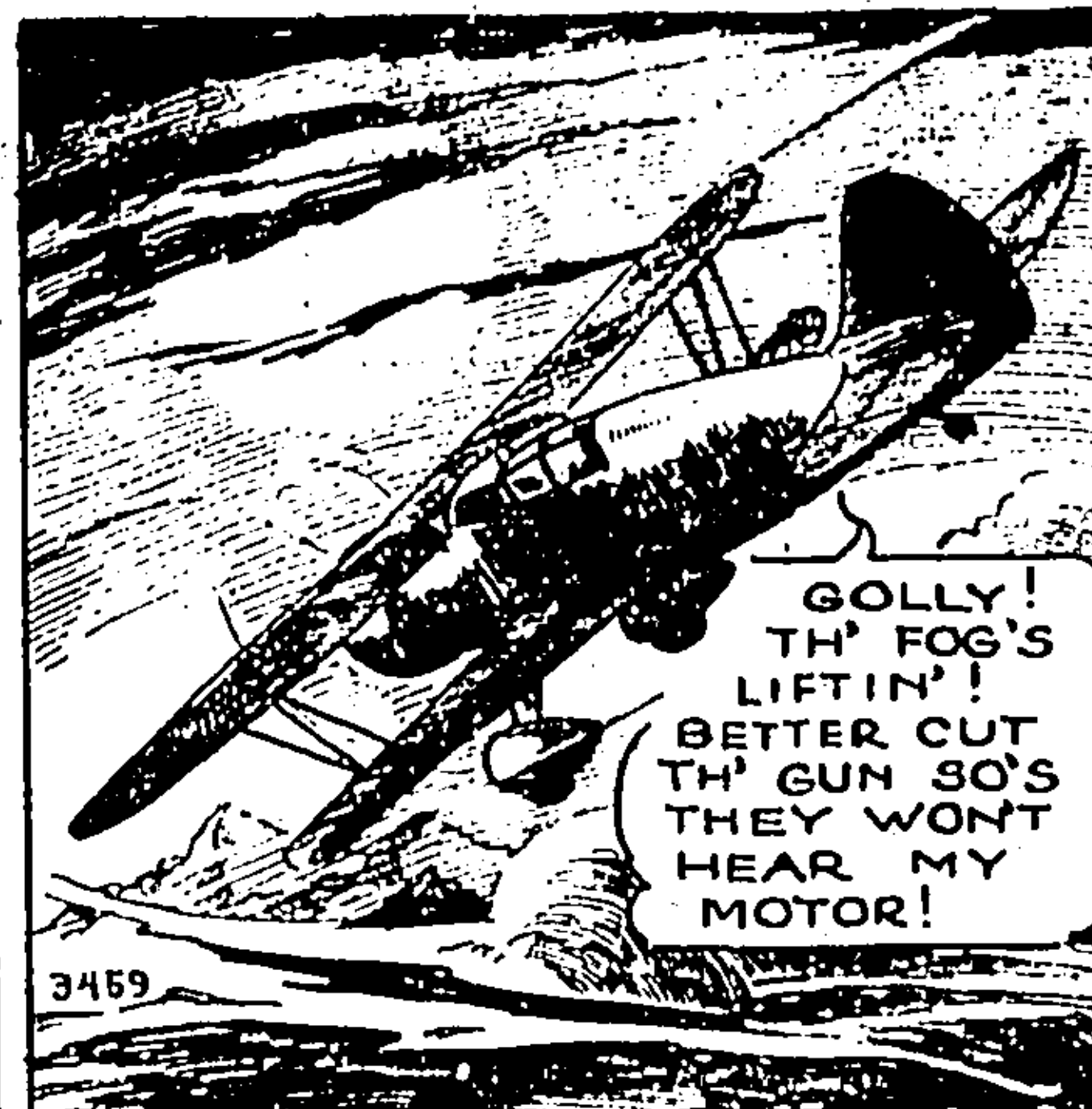
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Bringing Up Father

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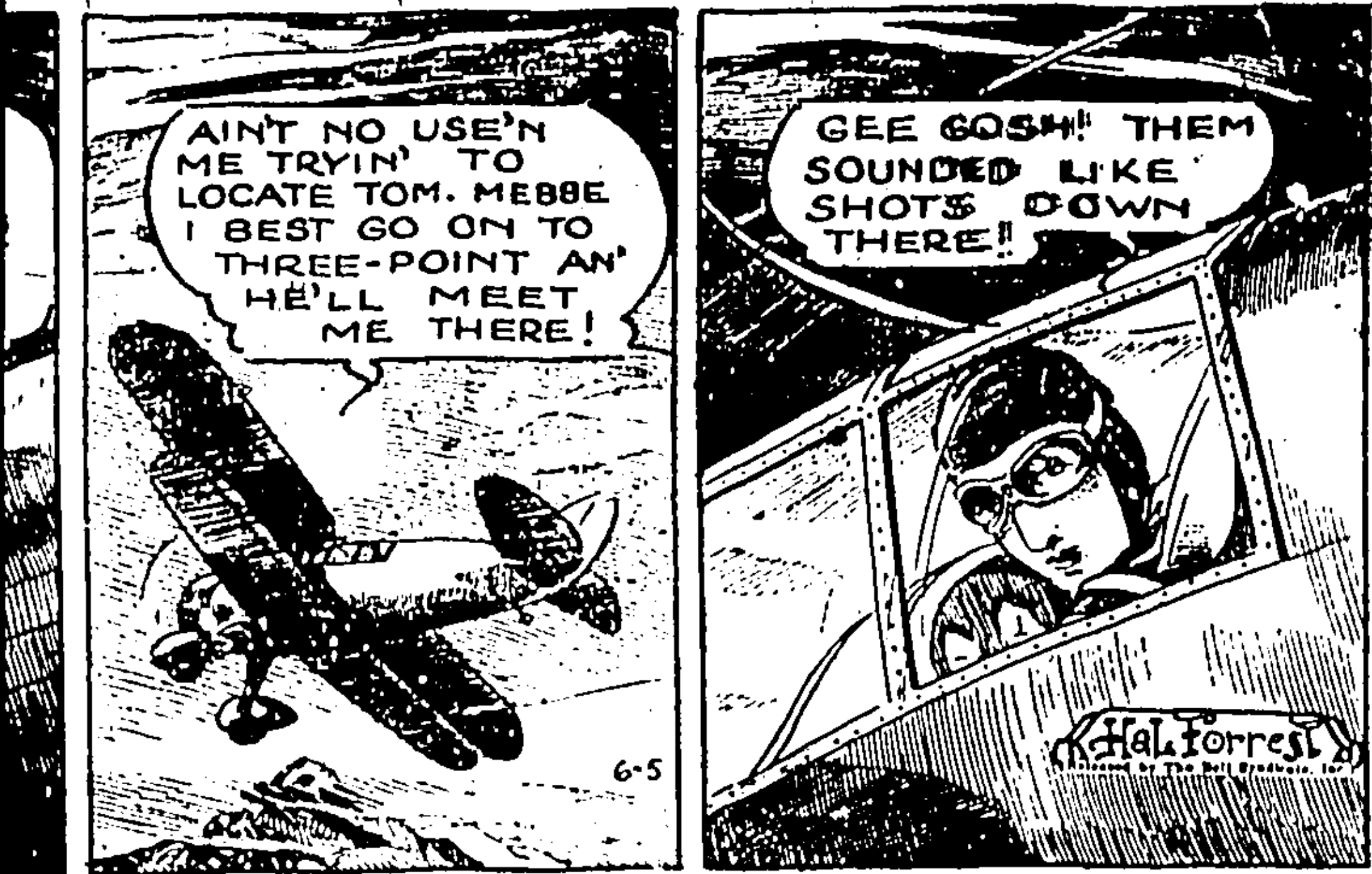
WELL - LORD WORTHNOTTEN - WHERE TO NOW?

JUST AS YOU SAY - THAT WAS A JOLLY NIGHT CLUB WE JUST LEFT - LET'S GO IN THIS ONE -

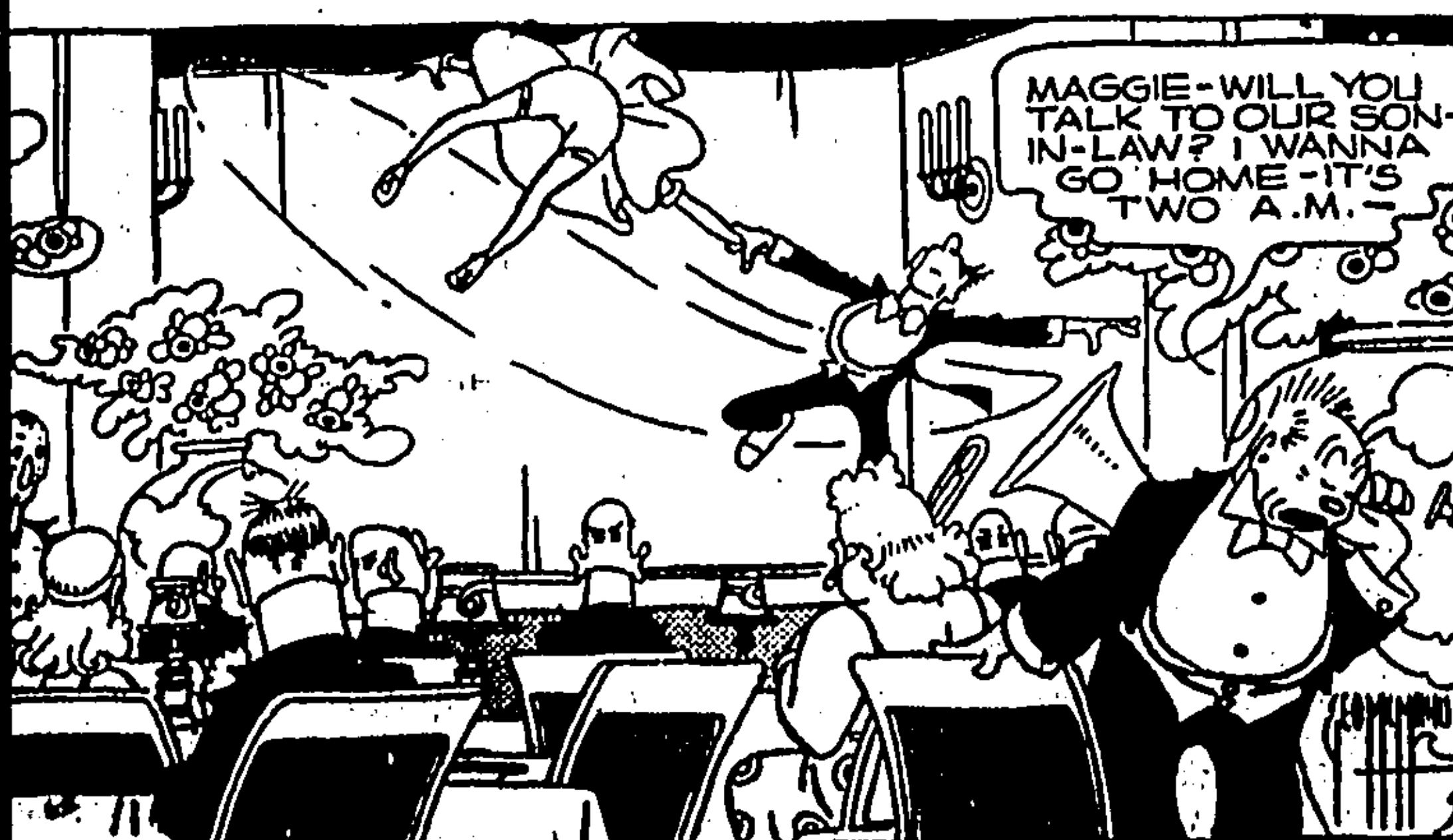


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SHORT STORY

CHINA PRINCESS By Captain J. L. STRONG

A group of foreign officers were having cocktails in the long bar of the Prince Edward Hotel, one of the fashionable resorts of the International Concession of Shanghai which carried on its business heedless of war's alarms. In fact there was a superb indifference to shells, bombs and incendiary, manifested by the staff that infected the patrons, even the most nervous of them.

A British naval officer was deploring the fact that most of the pretty European women had left the long-suffering city for safer places. Prince Aminoff, formerly of the Cossacks of the Guard and now of the White Russian company of the Shanghai Defence Force, smiled. His lady friend, a beautiful if slightly mysterious Manchurian, had not deserted him, and he preferred her exotic beauty to that of the pink-and-white prettiness of English flappers and to the glitter and flippancy of American misses.

"This is no time to be thinking of women," said a bronzed commandant of French colonial infantry, whereupon a lieutenant of American marines laughed. "Satan rebuking sin, what about . . . but the Frenchman smiled and lifted up an admonitory finger, saying in his clear English, "No tales out of school, my dear O'Hara."

Rowly Strong, one of those wandering Britons you always find knocking about wherever there is trouble, nodded his head. "It is no time to be thinking of women, but there is one here in this bar who is a sight for sore eyes and a consolation for weary warriors." "You mean that mystery girl called the China Princess?" asked O'Hara.

Again the Briton nodded. "No chance there," said a bluff English major from a county regiment which was just then holding defence posts on the borders of the Concession. "No my lad, not an earthly. She is the ward of Mr. Su, our very good friend, and he would take it in very bad part if you were to force your company on the girl. Moreover, she would know how to deal with you. She has a way of coping with importunate males which amounts to genius. By the way, here is Su himself. Let's change the conversation."

There approached the group a slim Chinese, dressed in impeccable London clothes of grey. A highly intelligent face and eyes that were expressive for an Oriental attracted Strong from the onset.

He had not met the Chinese before, and Carstairs, the English major introduced him, saying "A welcome addition to our little circle, my dear Mr. Su. He plays a good game of poker, holds his drink like a hero, and does not talk shop. He can't help being a civilian."

Strong smiled ever so slightly. No one noticed the flicker across his face except Su, who asked the company to drink with him and gradually drew Strong aside. The Chinese finished by asking Strong to dine with him that night, and withdrew from the company in spite of reiterated offers of further refreshment.

"Great fellow, that," said Carstairs. "He cottoned to you, Strong. Take a fool's advice and play nice with him. He's a power in China, even in the China of to-day. He owns banks, ships, a model town and settlement of his own, and he is a general in the Chinese army. Oxford and all that. Generous to a fault. A really great fellow."

Strong went over to the French Concession where Su had his Shanghai quarters in the midst of an old Chinese garden.

The house was outwardly Chinese, but, inside, it was European and in the best taste. There was a bevy of servants all arrayed in a species of uniform with the dragon badge of the Su family embroidered on their tunics.

Su arrayed in white evening jacket and black dress trousers greeted his guests warmly and led him into a small room where a tiny bar held drinks of many varieties. Standing by this was the mystery girl, dark red hair, large dark brown eyes, a com-

plexion of that white shade that indicates perfect health and which you find more among Latin women than among the Anglo-Celts, an exquisite mouth and an elegance of figure that is given to few women, justifying Strong's remark at the Prince Edward Hotel.

The girl was all without being dominating and she smiled with a frank, open smile that increased Strong's admiration. Su introduced his visitor to the girl, "Sandra, my dear, this is Mr. Strong. Strong, this is my adopted daughter, Sandra, who was cast up by the sea as a gift from the ancient gods to comfort a lonely man and to become the inspiration of his people. She is the absolute ruler of my settlement of Huy-nan and the chatelaine of all my houses."

Strong remembered the story of the finding of Sandra by the fishermen of Huy-nan, that model settlement developed by Su. He remembered the note that was found pinned to her baby clothes, begging anyone who found the babe to be good to her and to communicate with an address which was completely indecipherable. It had begun, "This is my only daughter Sandra . . ."

Su had sent his best boatmen out to try to rescue any survivors from the wreck of a yacht he had espied from his palace, but the mist and the gloom of the storm had prevented him obtaining any clue as to the identity of the vessel.

He had provided a Scottish nurse for the baby and sent her, later, to a convent in Shanghai, then to Europe, but she had insisted on returning directly there were signs of trouble; and it was rumoured in Shanghai's international community that she had been doing a lot of useful work for the Chinese forces. Wherever she went, she was unobtrusively guarded by four stalwarts of the Huy-nan brigade, raised from the settlement of that name all henchmen of Su's.

Strong had travelled widely. He had had to do with people of vast importance and had met celebrated beauties in many cities, but he felt extraordinarily impressed by Sandra and by Su.

The dinner was excellent. Su's cook was evidently French, so were the wines. After dinner, the host begged his adopted daughter to excuse both himself and his guest as there was a little matter of business to talk over. He then led Strong to a study that resembled that of a Cardinal of the quattrocento period in Italy.

"This is generally used by the bishop when he visits us," explained Su, not explaining that he had the room specially furnished for that ecclesiastical dignitary who was one of his great friends.

The two men sat down and lit cigars, a silent-footed boy came in and poured out coffee for them and another placed bottles of liqueur and appropriate glasses on a little Moorish table.

"Now," said Su, "I want to talk business with you, Mr. Strong. You have been a soldier? Yes? Good. You have been a wanderer. You have written a book or two. I have one in my library that deals with ancient magic. You have also worked in confidential capacities for governments and business firms, both. You were a British agent in Mexico; you have been out here before on business for big British financial interests. You are not easy to frighten, yet you never take unnecessary risks. Also I hear that you are honest. Please do not be annoyed at the word."

"I am not, Mr. Su, but I cannot very well imagine what all this is leading up to."

"Simple, my dear fellow, I should like you to work for me." Strong frowned. He had certain plans he had conceived and which he wished to carry out.

"Are you definitely committed to any scheme? Are you actually employed by somebody to whom you owe allegiance?" asked the Chinese. "No," Strong assured him. "But I hardly see . . ." "But I do," Su interrupted him, smiling.

"I want you as a personal adjutant-

cum-secretary. You know the East. You speak the Mandarin tongue and two of our languages. You were born out here. Your old amah lives in my settlement. I will pay you a hundred pounds English a month and all expenses."

"I have been on my own so long that I do not know whether I am good at taking orders, Mr. Su."

"That is why I have chosen you. You will have to use your own good judgment in most things. The few orders I shall send you will be all-important and you are far too intelligent a man to question them."

Strong smiled. "Sorry to have appeared churlish. Of course, I accept." Su smiled. "I have a contract ready for you. I banked on your coming in with us. I have arranged for your clothes to be sent here and have ordered a uniform for you. You will be in a few moments, a major in my brigade, an officer in the Chinese Republican Army."

One of these days, Strong will write about his adventures in the Huy-nan brigade, of the hidden treasure of China, of the Three Wise Old Men, of plots, conspiracies and intrigues. He has promised me that, but the time is not yet. All that he allows me to make public is the adventure I am narrating in this chronicle.

After a while, Strong was called back to Shanghai and told to don civilian clothes. His adventures were not known to his European acquaintances and he was received with acclaim by the little international coterie that foregathered at the Prince Edward, but he spent little time with them. His main job was keeping an eye on Sandra. The enemy, for some reason Su had not divulged, were much intent on kidnapping the girl.

During the day-time. Son-tay, a young lieutenant who had been a detective in the Chinese municipal police force, and four picked men kept watch over her. At night, Strong was on duty, shadowed by four other stalwarts from Huy-nan. He escorted her everywhere, for even in war-stricken Shanghai there were entertainments, and the news that he was her constant companion leaked through to his cronies at Prince Edward, who all swore he was a damned lucky fellow, except the French commandant who had his own and pretty shrewd ideas on the subject.

One night, Sandra gave Strong the slip. He and his four men scoured the city in search of her. The Briton appealed unofficially to both the international and the French police for aid, but Sandra had vanished.

It was two of the morning, when Strong was passing the Prince Edward on his way to contact a Chinese detective, that a car stopped and Sandra jumped out of it.

"I am so sorry, Rowly, I just had to do something without your knowing—or so I thought. A note was brought me, but the whole affair is a hoax. I cannot understand it." It was the first time she had used the diminutive of his Christian name and he stood speechless. The reaction of this moment had robbed him of the power of speech, even of movement.

Four figures glided from the shadows.

Strong's very highly-trained instincts of self-preservation came to his rescue. He flashed out an automatic, and Sandra was hardly a whit behind him. She also was armed. She had dashed back to the car and whipped out a small Remington automatic from its holder by the left-hand door.

Two of the figures flew at the Briton, two at Sandra. Others crowded to attack the chauffeur, who fired first but went down with a knife in his throat. Strong fired twice from his hip, where his pistol could not be knocked or kicked away. Sandra fired once and then was grappling with one of the dark assailants.

Strong hit this foe with all his might. He was never a hefty puncher, but on this night he excelled himself and he landed a beauty on the fellow's jaw and then hit him hard with his

knuckles just underneath the nose, a most painful blow.

The unknown assailant was really tough. He did not let Sandra loose, but his grip lost its strength for a second and she wrenched herself away. The man ripped his long knife towards Strong's body, a real knife-man's blow, but the Briton danced away and shot the assailant right between the eyes.

By that time, men were running from all sides, Shanghai volunteers from the Defence Force, police, white civilians and officers from the nearby hotels.

When a count was taken, it was found that three of the assailants were dead, two wounded, and four had been taken prisoners as they endeavoured to escape.

Sandra insisted on viewing the bodies and examining the faces of those who were still alive.

"I thought as much. Japanese officers and old soldiers disguised as river coolies. Special Service men. Then she looked at her chauffeur who was lying across his wheel, dead.

"Poor Chun," she said wearily and sadly. "He died for me. I hope the Japanese hang for this."

Other figures gathered round, emerging from the darkness, and before the Settlement policemen had a chance to resist, their six prisoners were snatched from them and rushed away. A crowd of gesticulating, chattering Chinese invaded the street, preventing the police from giving chase.

Sandra smiled: "Those were our own men," she whispered to Strong. "San will be avenged. You must think me a savage. I am, at times, I have to be. I am at war."

Strong borrowed a car from one of the hotels and drove her to the house in the French Concession, where he telephoned for a doctor and had the girl put to bed by her attendants.

But Sandra had not suffered any injury, so the medico told him. She would be all right later in the day, but she was to go slowly. She had received a bad shock.

It was that afternoon that Sandra told Strong that she had received a code note from her father, instructing her to meet him at once and without escort at the shop of an old friend. When she reached the rendezvous, she found the shop had been gutted and the old merchant slain. Two of her own men had followed her, although she thought she had given them the slip, and their presence had perhaps prevented her being kidnapped there and then.

Sandra was the heroine of the settlement after that. Strong simply had to introduce her to all sorts of good wishers who flocked about her at the Prince Edward, and he was growing rather hot under the collar, for Sandra had unbent and was gracious to everybody. A tall, distinguished-looking Englishman, middle-aged but fit, approached Strong. "Would you mind introducing me to that most interesting young lady yonder. There is something about her that has got me wondering and wondering furiously. I'm Fellows of the Red Cross Committee."

Strong recognised the name at once; the Honourable Julian Fellows, celebrated explorer and philanthropist. There had been a great tragedy in his life, so the rumour went. His wife had died young and he had never married again, but had gone wandering about strange lands most of his time. On the rare occasions he was at home he had given lavishly to those who lived in the distressed areas. He was the friend of royalty and of savage chiefs. It was said that he could travel unmolested where no other white man would dare show his face.

Strong pushed through the little crowd round Sandra and performed the ritual of introduction. He could see a look of wonder on Sandra's face, but could not see the expression on Fellow's and consequently felt savagely jealous.

Then a friendly and well-known voice said: "I thank you, Strong. We

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will have a long talk together. That is my little girl over there, is it not?" This was Su speaking. Sandra and Fellows had walked away together, leaving a disconsolate crowd of young men behind them.

"Come with me," said Su suddenly in a curious low tone, gripping Strong so hard that the Briton almost winced. They caught up with Sandra and her escort.

Su did not wait to be introduced. "I think we better have a private talk, just you and I, Mr. Fellows," he said. "Strong, look after Sandra will you, and keep her here till we come back. This is important."

So Sandra and Strong had drinks together and talked of many things, not welcoming any of the many would-be companions who came over to their table.

It must have been an hour-and-a-half later when a retainer of Su's came to them and announced that the Master was waiting for them.

In a sitting-room with a little balcony outside were Su and Fellows. The face of the Chinese was blank and as that of a man who has had a great sorrow.

He turned to the girl: "Sandra, this is your father," and bowed to Fellows, then took Strong by the arm, "Come with me, my dear chap."

They went down to the bar and Su ordered a very powerful dose of liquor brandy. He then steered Strong to a table and said:

"I have not yet thanked you for saving Sandra last night."

"There are no thanks needed, Mr. Su."

"Come back to the house with me. There are many things I have to tell you. But you must excuse me if I am bad company to-night."

"I'll come to-morrow." "No, now. I need company, the company of someone I know and can trust."

It was in the quattrocento study that Su told Strong that he—Su—knew that Fellows was Sandra's father. He had found this out fifteen years ago, but the tiny child had dug her fingers into his heart and he could not let her go. She was happy, she loved him, what else mattered. "But I did wrong, grievous wrong," he said, as if talking to himself. "When I saw them together to-day, I saw that Destiny had arranged the meeting and I felt compelled to tell the Englishman the truth."

There came one of Su's silent house-servants who bowed and said something in a low voice.

"Show them in!" ordered Su, a puzzled look in his eye. There entered a beaming Sandra and a smiling Fellows.

"Dear Father," she exclaimed and her arms were around the Chinese. You are my father. Mr. Fellows is my uncle. I was an orphan when you found me."

Su jumped to his feet and almost shouted for champagne. Fellows took up the tale later.

"Sandra is my younger brother's only child. His wife and he died in India, during a cholera epidemic. I happened to be cruising in the East and was in harbour at Bombay at the time. I was bringing Sandra back to England when that storm caught us. I did not write that note that was pinned to her clothing. Poor old Janet McCay, her nurse, did that. Janet always called her 'My daughter.'"

"My own wife had died tragically young and I was going to adopt Sandra, and when I heard that she had been adopted by a Chinese, I was angry. I did not know what sort of a Chinese Mr. Su was or I should not have been angry. When he told me that Sandra was my daughter, I did not deceive him. But when she told

Winter, from the military standpoint, may be said to have arrived. With its arrival the chance of major offensive operations on land before next Spring has undoubtedly gone.

Even a subsidiary for preliminary Nazi campaign in the Low Countries or Rumania with limited objectives, which might under favourable conditions look attractive, is becoming increasingly improbable.

In the past during the winter, armies as a rule drew apart and went into quarters in towns or villages where supplies had been collected.

Under modern conditions, with good roads and railways to maintain the immense amount of supplies and ammunitions required by armies many times as large as formerly, the combatants do not draw apart.

DOMINANT FACTOR

Fighting on a reduced scale can go on. Bickering in No-Man's land and minor raids take place but weather conditions are a very dominant factor in prohibiting offensive operations on a large scale.

This especially is the case when, as in Western Europe, the weather is liable to change suddenly and unpredictably. There are many days in winter when it would be possible to launch an offensive if all preparations were ready and troops assembled within striking distance. But battles are no longer a matter of a few hours of intensive fighting.

The struggle, once begun, may go on for days or weeks, and the weather may change before it is over.

Uncertainty as to weather conditions is, therefore, the primary reason why winter operations are too risky to be undertaken.

DESPERATE HANDICAP

Bad weather may delay and hamper preparatory operations so that, when a fine spell comes, preparations are not complete; or again, when everything may be ready, a sudden change of weather may necessitate the postponement or abandonment of plans.

For bad weather imposes a desperate handicap on attacking troops and that handicap is bound to increase the longer the struggle takes, as we learned on the Somme and at Paschendaele.

Artillery fire turns wet ground into a morass which limits the pace of advance and exhausts infantry. Yet artillery support, infantry attack in the face of automatic weapons is impossible. Moreover, shells bury themselves in soft ground and lose much of their lethal effect. Tanks, if they can move at all over muddy surfaces, are slowed down. They become easy targets for anti-tank weapons and have little chance of crossing obstacles. In fact, the use of the tank, not an easy operation under most favourable weather conditions,

me what he had done for her and what type of a man he was, I knew then that I owed him a very great debt of gratitude and also that I could not very well take her away from him, only claim a share in her, so to speak."

There was an emotional moment then, but Sandra broke up the tension by saying in her clear, sweet voice, "I may be leaving both of you soon." "Whatever do you mean?" the two men asked, while Strong looked his astonishment.

She smiled and pointed to Strong. "When a gentleman saves the life of an unprotected young girl, the least he can do is to marry her," she said, and walking over to Strong, took him by the arm and almost dragged him out of the study.

becomes impossible in wet winter weather.

THE JEHOI INVASION

It may be thought that during a short spell of fine weather a lightning attack by mechanised forces such as were used in Poland might be practicable. That might be so if the ground were frost-bound and advance by armies were not so highly organised as to require artillery support in breaking the first lines of resistance and breaking therefore the frost crust.

When they invaded Jehoi, the Japanese deliberately waited until the ground was frozen in order to make full use of mechanised columns. But there resistance was weak.

In Europe such conditions are not likely to occur. Unless a gap is formed or exists in the defences, artillery forces have little chance of penetrating defence lines. Even should they penetrate, they could achieve little and must withdraw unless supported by infantry to hold positions won.

When ground is soft mechanised forces have little chance. Their movement is generally confined to roads, easily damaged by artillery fire, and on which they are vulnerable to air attack. Armed forces which are unable to move freely and at speed across country cease to be effective and will probably meet with quite insuperable difficulties, as the Italians learned in the battle of Guadalajara.

Winter operations for troops holding a defensive position are, of course, trying, but much can be done to alleviate hardship—frequent relief of men in forward positions, good shelters, and dry clothes when the men are withdrawn for reserve.

In cold dry weather, the health of the men is generally excellent. Wet muddy weather is the main cause of sickness.

EFFECT ON MORALE

But commanders and staff are now so well trained to look after the health and comfort of troops that sickness, except in the case of an influenza epidemic, is seldom serious.

In the Maginot Line, to a great extent underground, troops have an exceptional degree of comfort and, of course, have had plenty of time to prepare for winter conditions without interruption.

In the Siegfried Line, men in small pill-boxes will probably have a less comfortable winter. How far their morale may suffer it is impossible to predict. But if it is true that the economic conditions in Germany are giving rise to unrest, it will be difficult to prevent it spreading to troops with time on their hands to discuss complaints received from their families.

In winter warfare, whether offensive or defensive, it is hardship the troops fear more than actual enemy action. The Allies are obviously better placed to alleviate these hardships than their opponents.

There are, however, two forms of warfare that can go on without interruption in winter, air warfare and

SHOOTS HER LOVER POWDERS HER FACE

New York, Nov., 21.

A beautiful, twenty-six-year-old Texas girl pumped eleven bullets into the back of her former sweetheart as he walked along the street with his new girl-friend this morning — and then calmly powdered her face as she waited for the police.

"He's better off dead" she commented. "It was an awful thing to do, but he had it coming to him."

She did the shooting with two long-barrelled six-shooters — one in each hand — and apologised for her marksmanship — "I fired twelve shots. Sorry the other missed him," she said.

Trouble started last May when the dead man, Brooks Coffman, asked the girl, Corinne Maddox, to elope with him to California.

She refused and he stabbed her. Although Corinne spent several weeks in hospital, she refused to bring a charge against him. But she swore to get even.

She came of the old-fashioned, hard-riding, straight-shooting Texas tradition, and to her revenge was a personal matter—not something for the police.

So she waited and when she saw him to-day with another woman her hate boiled over.

She had made an unsuccessful attempt to kill Coffman before to-day. She told the police. "He didn't know anything about it. I pulled the trigger but the gun just clicked."

VICTORIA LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

The Executive Committee of the Victoria League announce that their willingness and ability to assist students from overseas are in no way lessened by the war.

Arrangements are also in progress for hospitality of all kinds to be shown to men and women coming from overseas to join His Majesty's armed forces, and the League will be glad to receive introductions of any officers, men or military nurses from Hong Kong, who may care to be offered hospitality.

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guerrilla warfare. And in guerrilla warfare, Germany's newly conquered territory may prove a serious additional problem for her.



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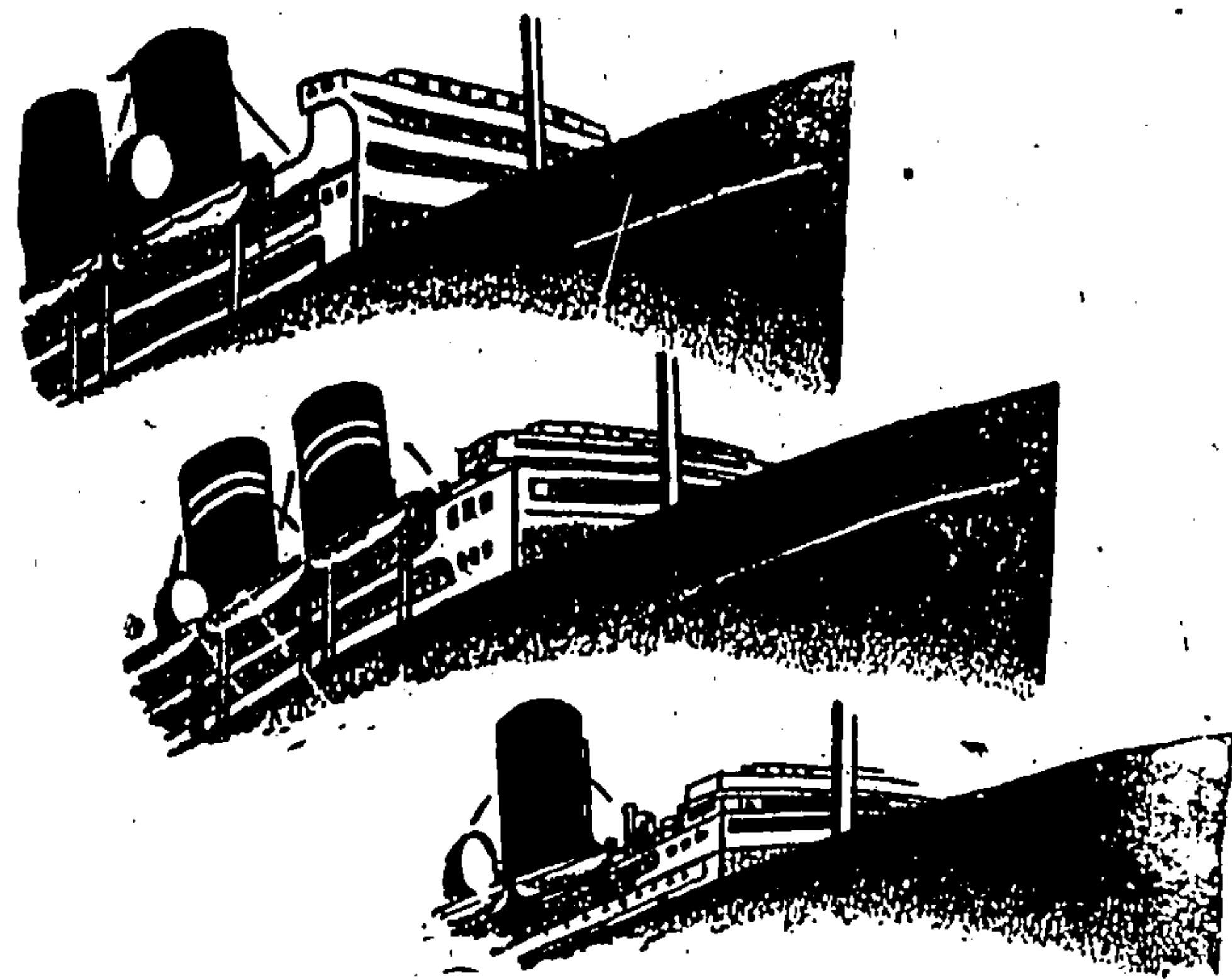
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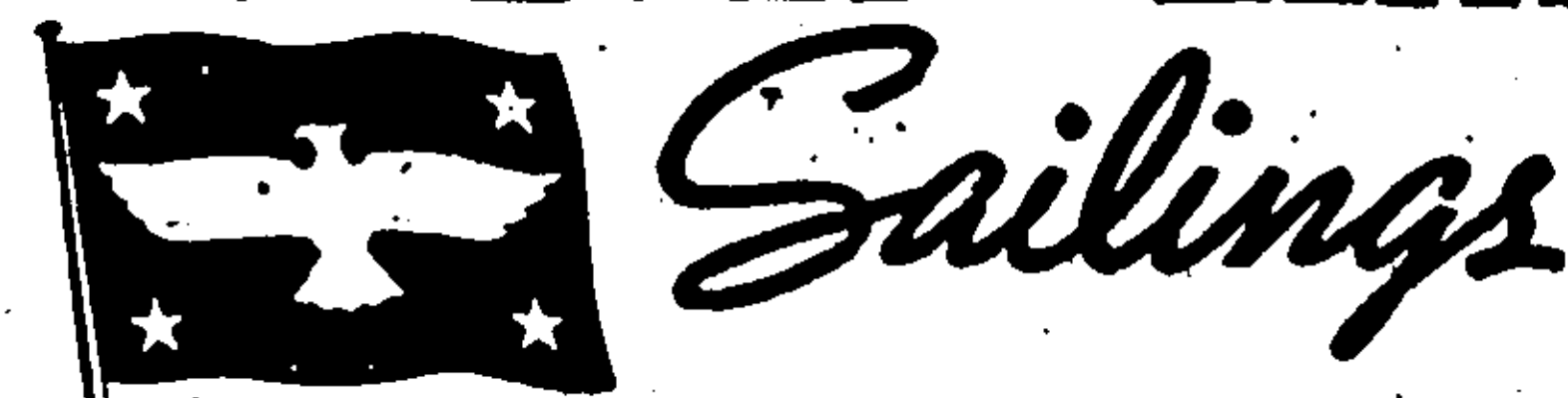
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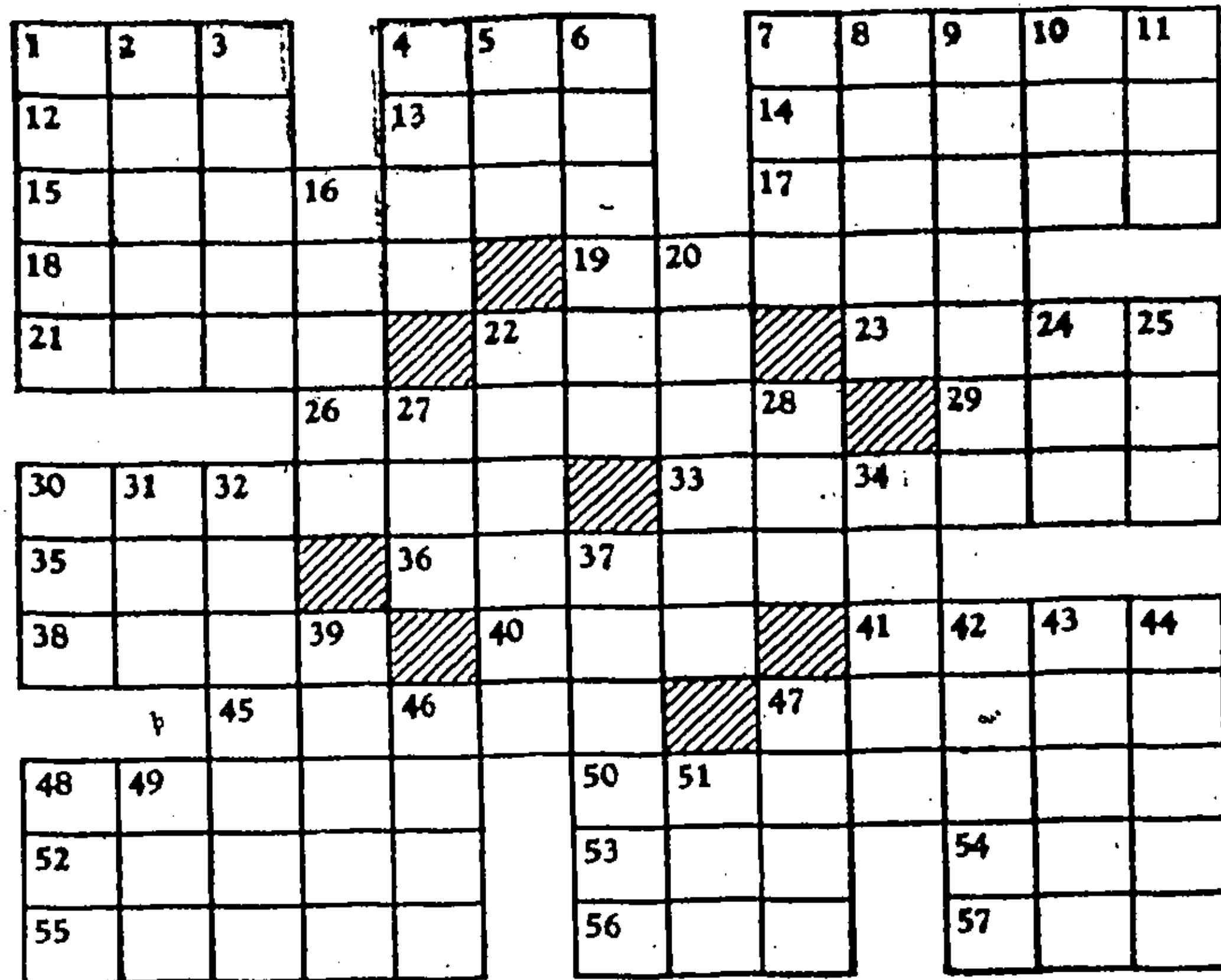
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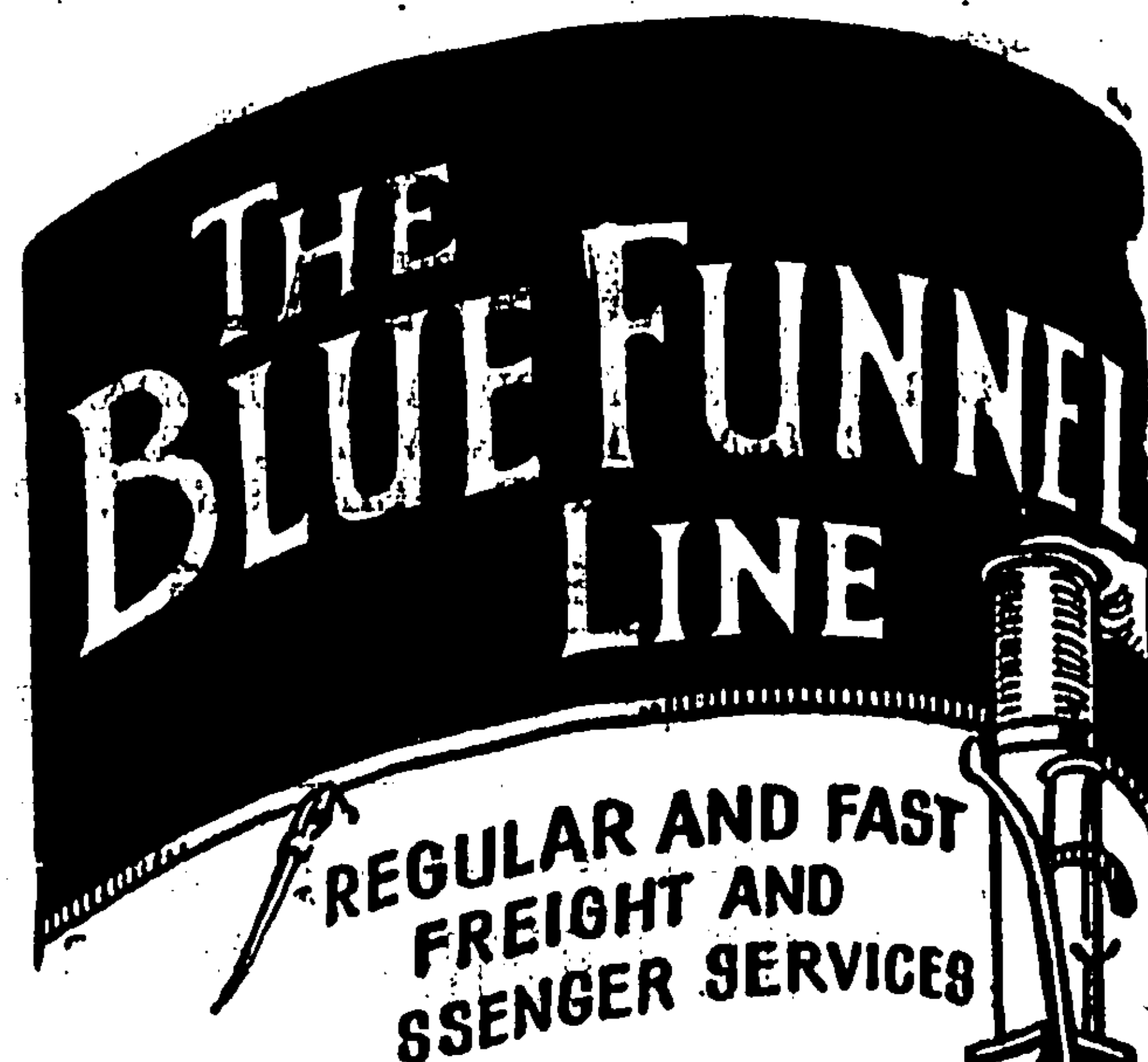
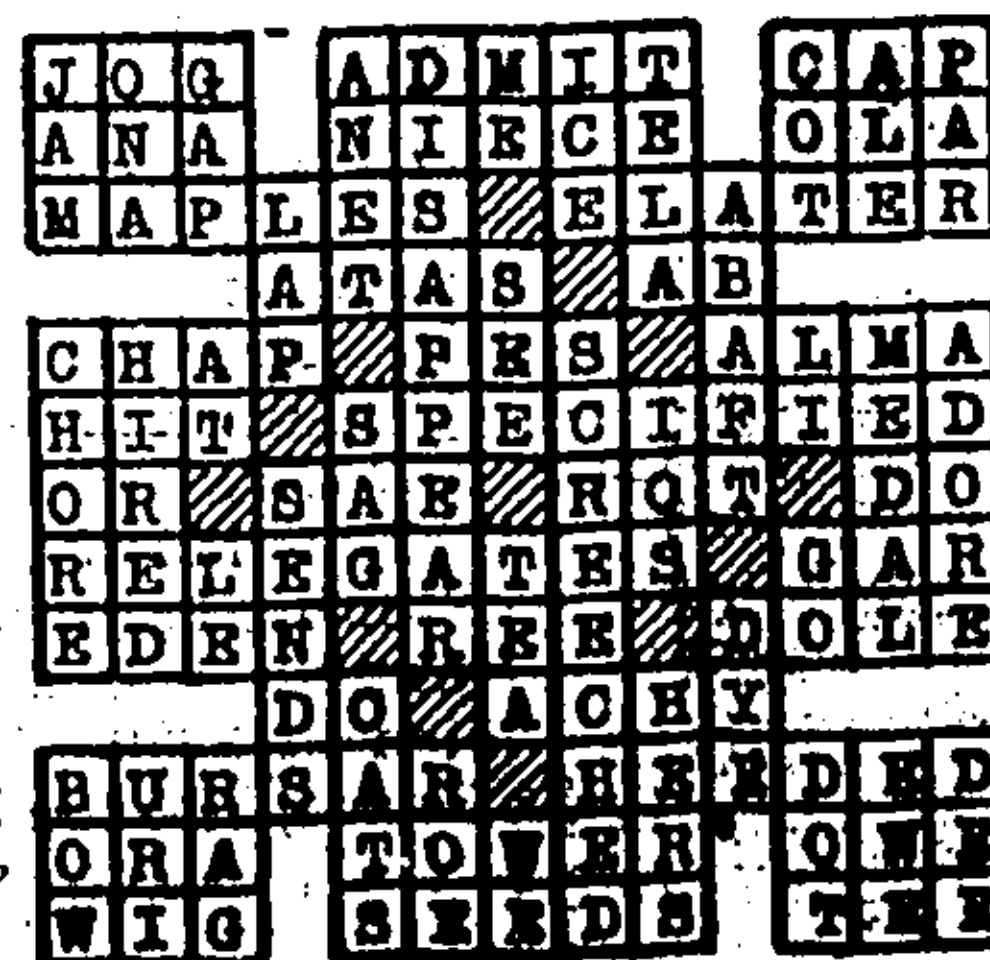
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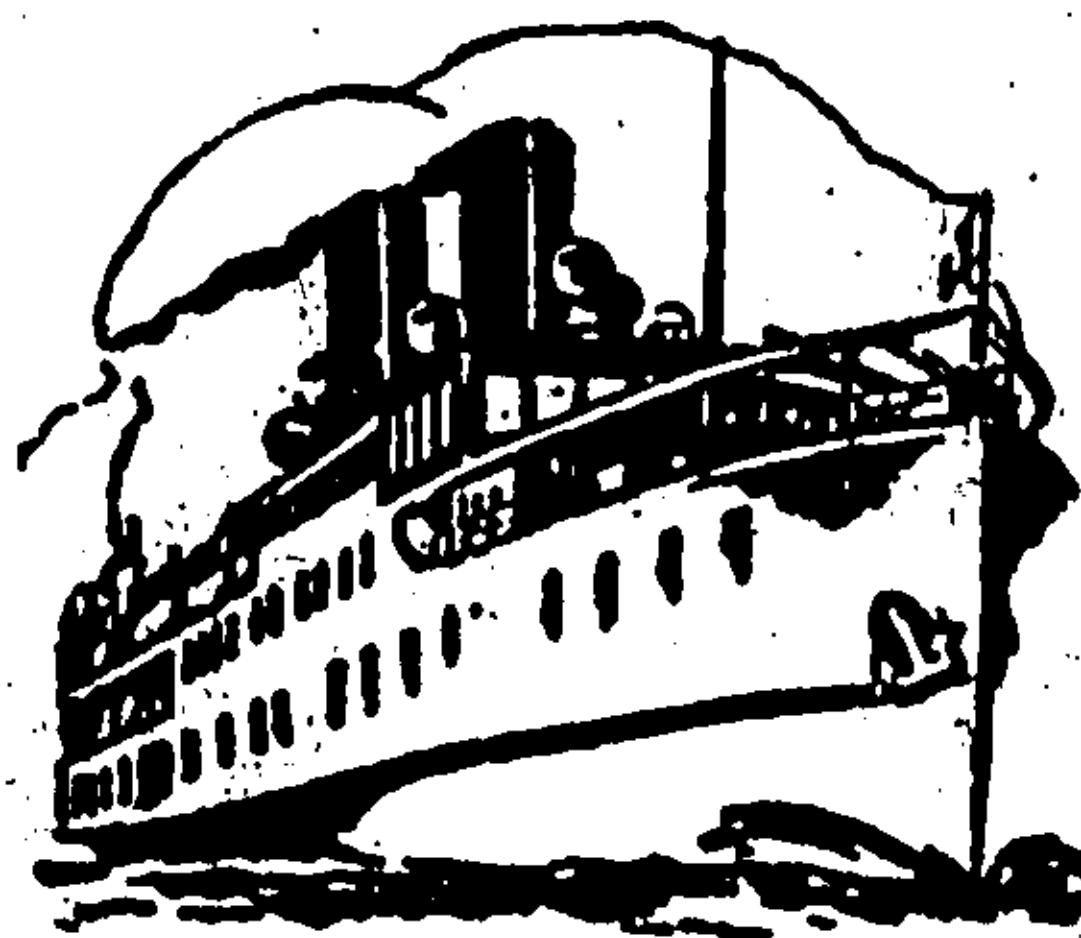
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CLUB RUGBY TEAMS

The second game in the First Round of the 1939-40 Rugby Football Triangular Tournament will be played on the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, tomorrow, when Navy meet Club, commencing at 4 p.m.

Prior to the Triangular Tournament game, there will be a match, commencing at 2.45 p.m., between 8th Heavy Regt., R.A., and Club "A" XV.

The Club sides have been selected as follows:—

1st XV:—F. M. Thompson (15), D. I. Bosanquet (5), H. D. Bidwell (3), J. Hutchison (1), D. H. Stewart (2), J. C. Charter (4), J. R. Henderson (22), R. E. Heasman (11), R. G. Castleton (25), P. F. Wanklyn (26), E. A. Bompas (27), C. F. Needham (12), A. M. Kennedy (18), A. F. Walkden (13) (Captain), and G. B. Godfrey (28).

"A" XV:—G. S. Wilson, H. van Leeuwen (Captain), M. G. Carruthers, D. B. Nelson, H. M. Levalle, B. C. Fay, J. M. Thomson, L. A. Searle, K. W. Salter, H. W. E. Heath, J. S. Dunnett, E. C. Luscombe, B. O'M. Deane, A. G. Dalziel and W. B. Richardson.

Changes in the Club senior team are: J. Thomson has been dropped from scrum half and Henderson takes over that position to allow F. M. Thompson to come in at full-back. Walkden has moved to the middle of the back row and Richardson has been dropped. Heasman takes Walkden's place in the front row.

Absentees due to injuries are Cessford and Taylor, who was recently elected vice-captain following the departure of W. E. Peers.

STEAMER HITS JUNK

TWO CHILDREN ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN A COLLISION BETWEEN A JUNK AND A STEAMER ON MONDAY.

The junk, 5307-HC, collided with a steamer, which has not been identified, at a point west of Gap Rock at 9.30 p.m.

The report was handed in by the junk's master to-day.

The two children, an 8-year old boy and a 13-year old girl, were thrown overboard by the force of the collision and have not since been seen.

MOTORIST FINED

A fine of \$5 was imposed on a motorist, G. Petrequin, of Kadoorie Avenue, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for causing an obstruction in Fleming Road near the Oriental Theatre.

COMPANY MEETING

CANTON ICE COMPANY HAS BETTER YEAR

A net loss for the year of \$39.44 was mentioned by Mr. S. H. Dodwell, chairman, at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., held to-day.

The chairman was supported by Messrs. T. E. Pearce, D. F. Landale and Ho Kam Tong, directors, and G. Milne, secretary.

Proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. Dodwell said:—

The company's position as shown by the accounts before you to-day is, I am pleased to say, more satisfactory than that reported last year. Unfortunately, however, the political situation in Canton still had a detrimental effect upon our trading during the period under review.

You will observe that the profit on working account amounts to \$15,719.28 as compared with \$690.02 last year. This increase is due primarily to revenue derived from the storage of dry goods as distinct from our cold Storage business. Ice sales for the period at 698,067 tons shown a slight increase over those for last year. Certain economies have also been effected to bring about the result.

SHAKEN BY EXPLOSIONS

In the profit and loss account, the charge for repairs and renewals is in excess of the figure charged last year and much of the expenditure under this heading was necessitated by the shaking the machinery and buildings suffered from nearby explosions during the hostilities in Canton.

Depreciation has been provided on a scale commensurate with that for past years and is considered by your directors to be sufficient at the figure of \$14,829.82. I trust you will approve.

Your directors have waived their fees for the year.

Referring to the balance sheet, I would mention that the addition during the year of \$1,599.82 to machinery and Ice stores represents the cost of the foundation for the new oil engine purchased last year and the construction of an ice tank of 4½ tons capacity for emergency use during hostilities and for economical operation having regard to our restricted business. The small addition of \$130.00 to Furniture and Fixtures is for two electric fans.

I regret to report that in May last some damage was done to our No. 1 Compressor which is still out of commission. It is not intended meantime to have this repaired until the position in Canton is more settled. Otherwise the plant and machinery is in good condition. Your buildings are in good state of preservation and have been redecorated during the year.

NETT RESULT

The net result for the year is a loss of \$39.44 which, under the very adverse circumstances, must I think be considered as not unsatisfactory.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

That the report and accounts for the year be adopted and passed. Proposed by Mr. S. H. Dodwell, seconded by Mr. G. Sewell.

That Messrs. T. E. Pearce and Ho Kam Tong be re-elected directors of the company. Proposed by Mr. W. L. Alexander, seconded by Mr. B. C. Tavadia.

That Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at an annual remuneration of \$350. Proposed by Mr. T. E. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Ho Kam Tong.

Mrs. Rock of No. 127, Argyle Street, has reported the theft of clothing from the roof of her residence yesterday.

TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

THE MURDER OF
ADA DENNIS

By VINCENT TOWNE

The most baffling mystery that ever vexed the police of Washington, D. C. was presented by the murder of Ada Gilbert Dennis, in 1902. Mr. Dennis, a well-known dressmaker, counted her clientele among the most exclusive families of Washington. She was a widow and lived at the corner of 11th and K Sts., northwest. Her headquarters were on the first floor. The upper floors of her house were occupied by several persons to whom she rented rooms.

On the morning of October 30, 1902, a Negro porter, whom Mrs. Dennis employed to carry parcels, came to work. Going to the back parlour on the first floor he found the dressmaker lying in a pool of blood.

The gory seat of a piano stool, which had been unscrewed from the base, bore mute and ghastly testimony to the manner in which the deed had been done.

Mrs. Dennis had been attacked in her bed. There was no sign of a struggle and the police theory was that the first blow had rendered her unconscious.

The terrified porter immediately informed the police and aroused Mrs. Dennis' tenants. The house was promptly closed and an investigation was begun. The only procurable trace of the murderer, except the unique weapon he had used were footmarks on the window sill of the front room, which showed how he had entered and left the house. The sill was only a few inches above the ground.

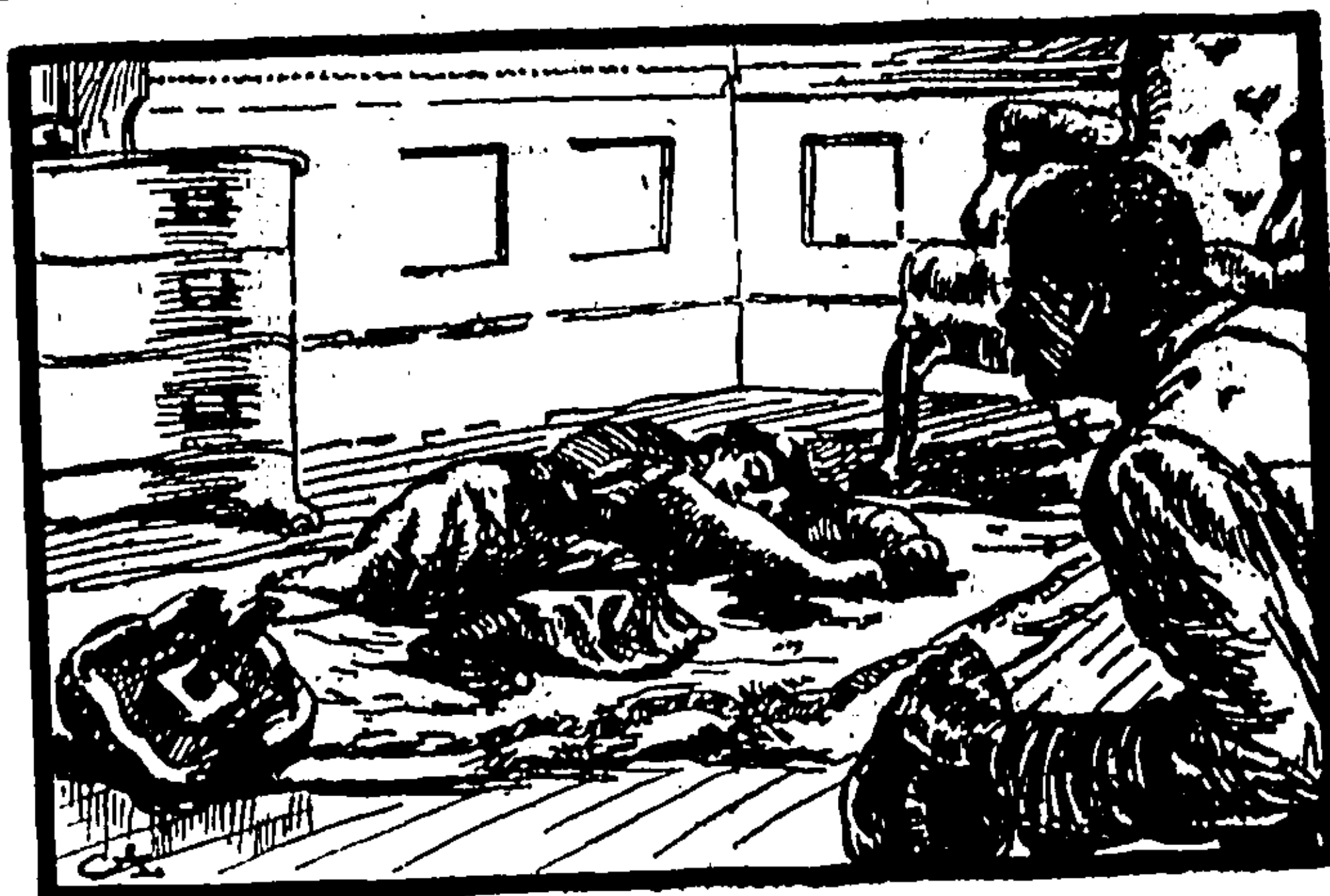
A thorough search of Mrs. Dennis' effects failed to disclose the slightest motive for her murder. So far as the police could learn, she had not an enemy in the world. At first as the suspicion was directed toward the Negro porter but nothing could be found to bear it out. The man's character was excellent and there was no evidence that he bore anything but good will toward his employer.

The search continued for months, but nothing came of it. Every detective and policeman, every newspaper reporter and many amateur sleuths worked on the case.

The history of Mrs. Dennis and her associates for years back was studied carefully. Men were sent to several cities to look up former friends and companions of the murdered woman. But all of these efforts went for naught.

From the fact that no single article in the Dennis home had been touched, all thought of robbery in connection with the murder was from the first cast aside. The theory of revenge was followed out, but no foundation for it could be discovered.

Two or three days after Mrs. Dennis was murdered a man committed suicide by inhaling gas in a nearby house. His actions after the Dennis murder were peculiar, and the



The Porter Found Her Lying In A Pool of Blood.

police had had him under suspicion. He was employed in one of the Government bureaus in Washington. It was when the police came to look into his recent movements that he died by his own hand. He had been heard to make inquiries about Mrs. Dennis, and to remark that he liked her looks. He was known also to have mailed to friends out of town marked papers containing accounts of the murder. In a store he was reported to have said he knew the police were shadowing him in connection with the crime. An investigation of his record showed that he was considered eccentric by his fellow clerks, and also that he had been involved in the writing of letters that showed indications of a perverted mind.

The most peculiar feature of the crime was the weapon used. That any one wishing to commit murder should take the time deliberately to unscrew a piano seat from the stool and batter the victim's head with it, when any one of a dozen other methods would have been easier and

quicker, astounded the police.

There had been no evidence to show that the act had been committed in an outburst of anger. There was nothing to indicate that it had been carefully planned. Otherwise, the

murderer would have gone to the Dennis home armed with whatever implement he had selected for his purpose.

At one time the theory of the police was that the mysterious slayer had entered the Dennis house in a spirit of perverted curiosity and that not until he had sneaked into Mrs. Dennis' bedroom had the murder mania seized him.

But, as stated, the only suspect ever considered in connection with the case died before the police could get even enough evidence on which to detain him. For months, afterward, every clue, no matter how slight, was religiously followed, but at last the police admitted defeat and the investigation had to be dropped.

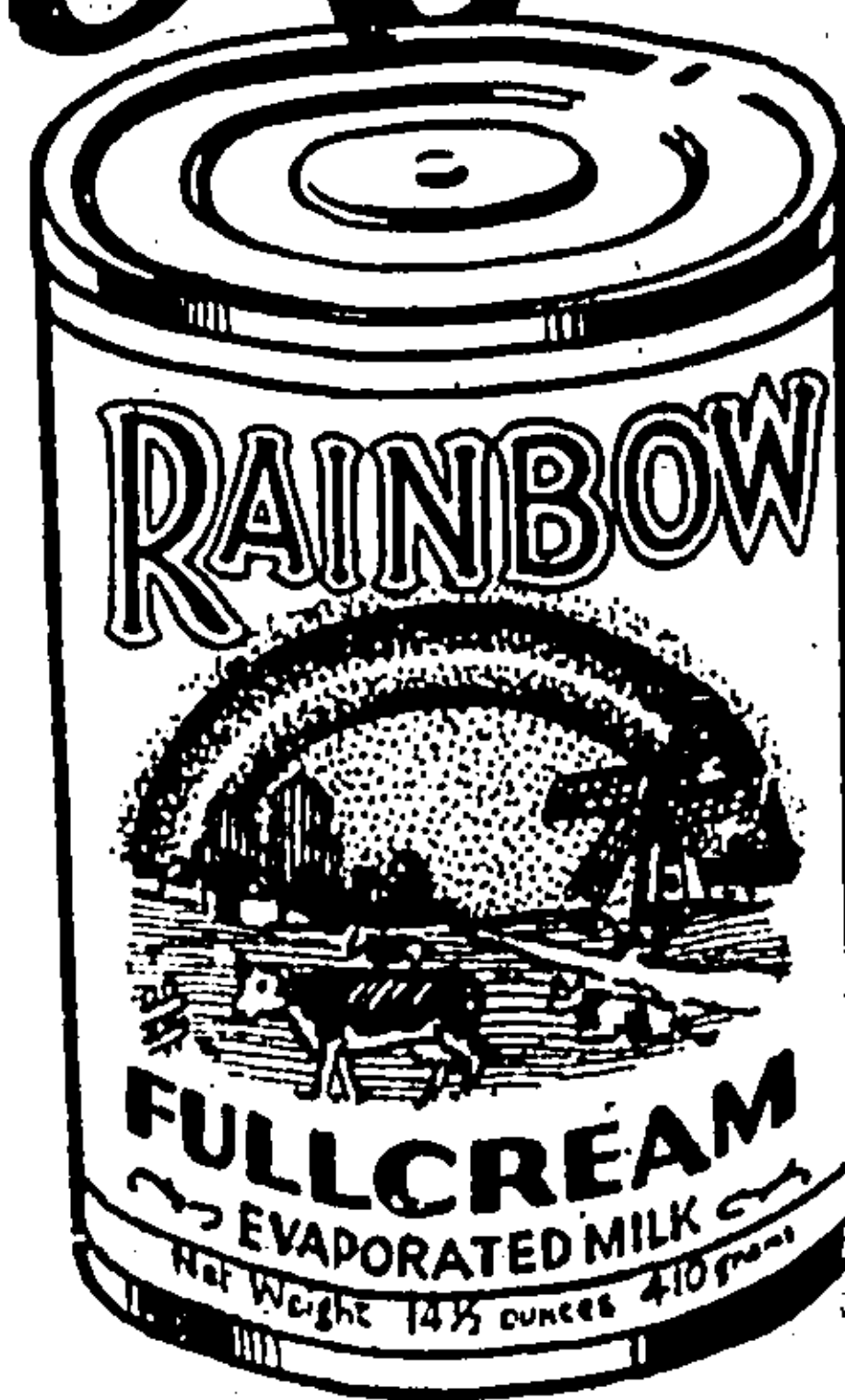
LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Silver was quoted at 23-5/16 for spot and 23-1/2 forward.

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Play during the South China "B" v. Eastern match on Sunday.

CHARITY SOCCER IN AID OF B.W.O.F.

It is expected that a substantial sum will be raised as the result of the Charity Football Game at Causeway Bay on New Year's day between United Services and the Rest of the Colony. This match is being arranged by Football Association, in co-operation with the committee of the British War Organisation Fund.

Special tickets at \$5 and \$2 will soon be on sale while the usual charges will be made at the ground.

R.H.K.G.C. STARTING TIMES

SUNDAY

Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	D. J. Gilmore, J. T. Smith.
9.20 ..	F. D. Hunter, W. W. C. Shewan.
9.24 ..	G. M. Park, L. R. Andrewes.
9.28 ..	H. N. Williamson, J. Forbes.
9.32 ..	A. M. Kirby, H. F. Morford.
9.36 ..	A. D. Humphreys, R. K. Valentine.
9.40 ..	R. C. Gairdner, R. G. Gray.
9.44 ..	Brig. MacLeod, S. H. Dodwell.
9.48 ..	L. A. R. Duncan, R. R. Davies.
9.52 ..	S. S. Church, M. D. Cooper.
9.56 ..	F. Groves, W. G. Robertson.
10.00 ..	W. Hewitt, E. Lawrence.
10.04 ..	F. A. M. Elliott, E. L. Groome.
10.08 ..	H. J. D. Lowe, J. B. Harrison.
10.12 ..	E. C. Norris, A. Nicol.
10.16 ..	Comdr. Hole, T. Megarry.
10.20 ..	S. T. Butlin, F. Buckle.
10.24 ..	Comdr. Murray, T. R. Rowell.
10.28 ..	J. E. Dovey, B. D. Evans.
10.32 ..	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36 ..	H. C. Watson, D. L. Prophet.
10.40 ..	D. Humphreys, P. S. Delany.
10.44 ..	H. S. Rees, J. G. Jensen.
10.48 ..	R. H. Gregory, A. B. Purves.
10.52 ..	J. W. Mayhew, P. E. Annis.
10.56 ..	R. C. Stewart, D. H. Clark.
11.00 ..	W. Park, W. Sharp.
11.04 ..	S. Tomlinson, I. P. Tamworth.
11.08 ..	W. N. A. Smalley, D. S. Edward.
11.12 ..	A. McKellar, N. K. Littlejohn.
11.16 ..	J. M. Pearson, W. S. E. James.
11.20 ..	E. J. Faggiano, J. W. Clague.
11.24 ..	H. M. Rowland, B. O. Baldwin.
11.28 ..	A. J. Dennis, R. R. Collings.
11.32 ..	Lieut. Carter, G. T. Harrington.
New Course	
9.20 a.m.	L. M. S. Lloyd, J. R. Collis.
9.24 ..	A. V. and Mrs. Groves.
9.28 ..	Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Morford.
9.32 ..	W. J. S. Key, A. H. McBride.
9.36 ..	D. L. Strellett, D. D. Forbes.
9.40 ..	Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Davies.
9.44 ..	A. K. Mackenzie, A. T. Lay.
9.48 ..	H. B. Williamson, R. R. de L.
9.52 ..	Liesching.
10.00 ..	Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, Col.

BADMINTON

LOCAL DERBY AT KING'S PARK

(By "ADREM")

There will be much keenness at King's Park this evening when, in Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League, will be staged a local derby between the "A" and "B" teams of Club de Recreio.

On paper the powerful "A" team should win with something to spare but I have been assured by the captain of the "B" team that it is not going to be as easy as all that!

The senior team will be much the same as it was last season but the juniors should be considerably strengthened by the return to the game of Miss Cynthia Silva, erstwhile senior player, who will partner C. C. Pereira.

Pereira is in great form at the moment and provided Miss Silva has been able to get in some practice this pair should not figure on the wrong end of the score too often.

L. A. Carvalho and Miss Remedios are also an experienced pair, while H. S. Gonsalves and Miss Maggie Xavier, a new combination, are capable of rising to great heights.

Having regard to their greater experience the "A" team should win but all the games should be interesting in that nothing is likely to be given away.

TEAMS

Recreio "A" — M. A. Oliveira and Miss Mylthie Silva; J. J. Remedios and Miss Olga Ribeiro; A. M. Rodrigues and Miss M. Ribeiro.

Recreio "B" — L. A. Carvalho and Miss S. Remedios; H. S. Gonsalves and Miss Maggie Xavier; C. C. Pereira and Miss Cynthia Silva.

Matthews.	
10.18 ..	Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Nicol.
10.20 ..	A. M. Mack, D. Allen.
10.24 ..	Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Rowell.
10.28 ..	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.32 ..	Mrs. Prophet, Mrs. Watson.
10.36 ..	T. E. Fearop, J. C. Taylor.
10.40 ..	Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Clark.
10.44 ..	Mrs. Park, Mrs. Sharp.
10.48 ..	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Edward.
10.52 ..	Major Johnstone, I. Macrae.
10.56 ..	Major Williams, H. F. Phillips.
10.60 ..	Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Collings.

* Postponed.

LADIES' HOCKEY**LADIES' SENIOR LEAGUE DECIDER TO-MORROW?***"Y" Ladies & St. Andrew's Both Make Changes***SUNDAY'S HOCKEY FESTIVAL**

The first representative hockey games this season will be played on the Navy ground on Sunday in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

The first game at 2.30 p.m. will be between the ladies of the Mainland and the Island and two strong and evenly balanced sides have been chosen.

The main game will be between the United Services and the Combined Civilians in which hockey of a high standard should be seen; both sides have been hard at practice recently.

Before the game and during the intervals, the Band of the Kumaon Rifles, by kind permission, will render selections.

Prices of admission are \$1 and 50 cents and tickets may be obtained from Messrs. Anderson's or Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon).

Tickets will also be sold on the ground.

The following are the teams:

CIVILIANS

V. M. Benwell (Club); V. C. Bond (C.B.A.); J. Gonsalves (Recreio); W. Brown (Police); W. A. Reed (C.B.A.); N. B. M. Whitley (C.B.A.); S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.); Gurbachan Singh (Radio and Postal Sports Club); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); E. Fowler (C.B.A.); and J. A. Soares (Recreio).

Reserves:—R. A. Marques (Recreio), R. J. Reed (Nomads) and D. T. Smith (C.B.A.).

UNITED SERVICES

Lt. Baines (Navy); Datta Ram (Rajputana Rifles); Lt. A. C. G. Mars (Navy); Sgt. Crowley (Middlesex); Lt. G. W. Hook (R.A.); and Lt.-Cdr. J. A. Corrie-Hill (Navy); Shah Wali (Rajputana Rifles); E. R. A. Gemmell (Navy); Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputana Rifles); Nerain Singh (Kumaon Rifles); and Partab Singh (Kumaon Rifles).

Reserves:—Sgt. Bartlett (R.A.F.). Cpl.

SHANGHAI BADMINTON CHAMPION IN COLONY

The "China Mail" learns that Henry Eardley, current Shanghai badminton champion is now in the Colony and will remain here for an indefinite period. It is understood that he will turn out for St. John's in "B" Division and probably Mixed Division as well.

Austin (Royal Corps of Signals), and Lt. Gunnar (Navy).

MAINLAND—Miss J. Hall (St. Andrew's); Miss G. White (St. Andrew's); Mrs. Wilnot (C.B.A.); Miss M. McCaw ("Y" Ladies); Miss I. L. Woolley (C.B.A.); and Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's); Miss G. Marr (H.K. Ladies); Miss B. Harker ("Y" Ladies); Miss D. McCaw ("Y" Ladies); Miss H. Reid (St. Andrew's) and Miss M. Shand (C.B.S.).

Reserves: Miss B. Parsons (C.B.A.); Miss A. Smith (C.B.A.); Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's); and Miss B. Longbottom (St. Andrew's).

ISLAND—Mrs. Lunson (H.K. Ladies); Miss E. M. Gray (H.K. Ladies); Mrs. Strange ("Y" Ladies); Mrs. Stone ("Y" Ladies); Miss K. M. Pocock ("Y" Ladies); and Miss B. Greaves (St. Andrew's); Mrs. Burnett ("Y" Ladies); Mrs. Gardner ("Y" Ladies); Miss S. Roberts (St. Andrew's); Mrs. Dalziel (H.K. Ladies) and Miss A. Purves (H.K. Ladies).

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY

To-morrow Y.M.C.A. Men's firsts will play Radio Sports Club at King's Park at 4.15 p.m. The following will represent Y.M.C.A.—V. Benwell; D. Taylor; E. Yurleff; J. Kempton; R. Bates; A. Austen; D. Smith; C. Gemmell; E. Fowler; L. Coombe; C. Waldron.

On the U.S.R.C. ground at 4.15 p.m. Y.M.C.A. seconds will meet Signals. Y.M.C.A. players are—H. Millington; A. Killeen; P. Grant; H. Smits; C. Huber; K. Broch; L. Macey; R. Dormer; J. Greenberg; R. Banks; C. Bevan.

MISS DECIMA EARDLEY TO LEAD "Y" ATTACK

(By "ADREM")

AS WAS APPARENT from the commencement of the season, Caer Clark ladies hockey champions for the current year would be either "Y" Ladies, the holders, or St. Andrew's.

Both these teams have shown convincing form thus far and their meeting to-morrow should be of particular interest.

Changes have been made in both teams. "Y" will be without their left-wing, Miss Helen Bockler, who has left for Singapore, but, fortunately for them, will have the services of Miss Decima Eardley, Shanghai International, who recently arrived in the Colony.

Although I have a vague recollection of seeing Miss Eardley in action against Hong Kong and being impressed by her form in the attack, I cannot place her definitely.

Whatever her capabilities, however, I cannot but feel that "Y" are ill-advised to move Miss Dorothy McCaw to fill the vacancy on the left wing, in order that Miss Eardley might take over leadership of the attack.

In my opinion Miss McCaw is one of the best centre-forwards in the Colony. She has a fine turn of speed, is aggressive and, finest quality of all, possesses a shot in the circle that brings her stacks of goals. In addition she has had the advantage of playing with the inside forwards for the entire season and has worked up quite a good understanding with them.

MRS. BLISS NOT PLAYING

Only change in the St. Andrew's team, return of Mrs. Phyllis Bliss notwithstanding, will be on the left wing, where, following a practice match last night, Miss Betty Longbottom was selected to fill the left-wing berth vice Miss Tamara Jex.

This move should add even more life to what has hitherto been a particularly lively attack and it is now definite that the old fallacy of St. Andrew's possessing a good defence but a one-woman forward-line can no longer apply.

Dealing with the teams by sections, I would rate Miss Hall much higher than Miss Minoot as goal-keeper; Miss White and Miss da Roza a better pair of backs than Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; but "Y" intermediate-line, led by Mrs. Starbuck, supported by Miss M. McCaw and Miss K. Pocock, is definitely better than Miss S. West, Miss J. Wong and Miss B. Greaves.

At forward there should be little in it. Both lines are fast and combine well. Where "Y" will have a slight edge will be in the matter of shooting.

From all which one will appreciate the difficulty of forecasting the result. I will not commit myself further than to say that the match should be very close!

Following teams have been selected.

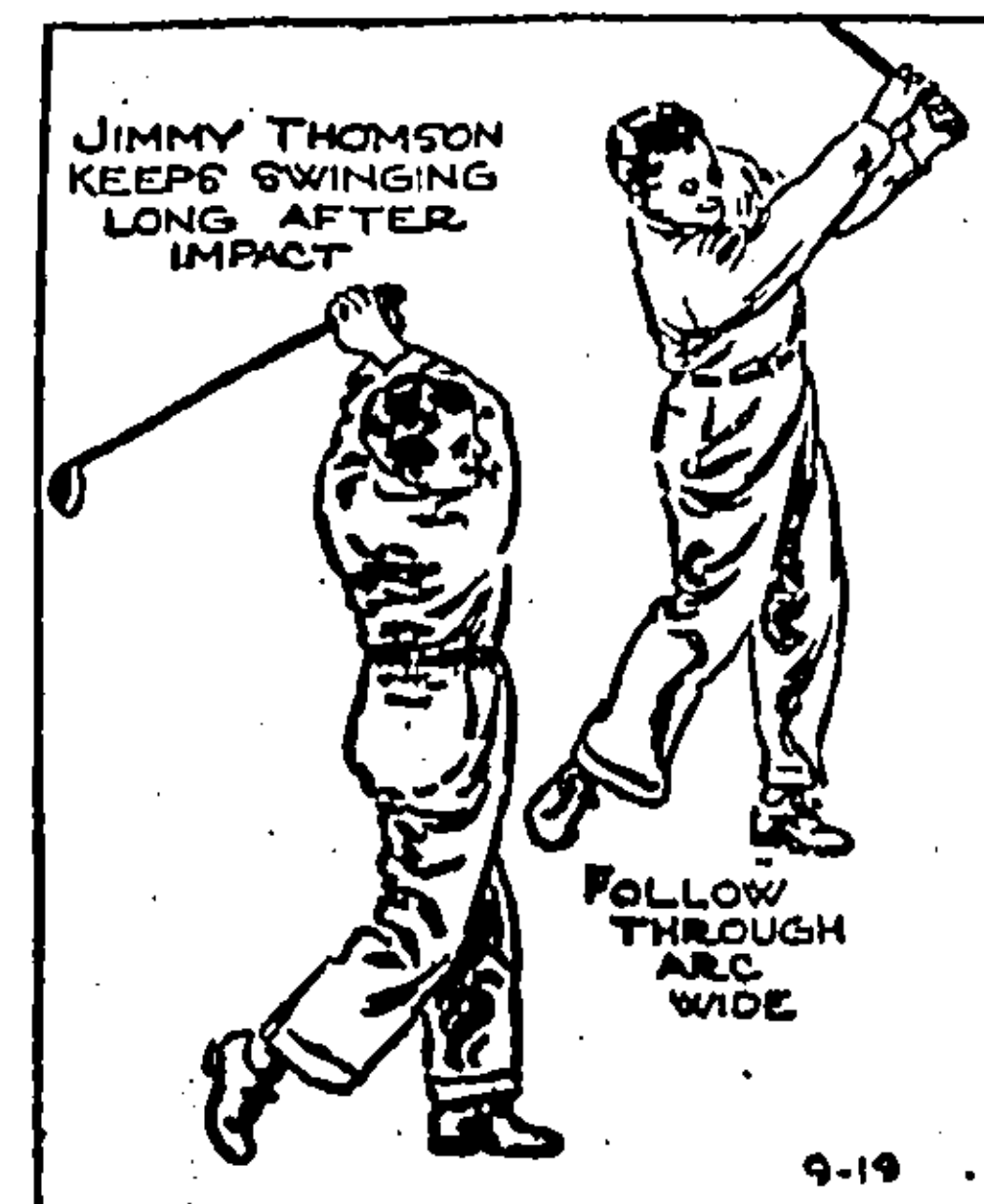
ST. ANDREW'S—Miss June Hall; Miss G. White and Miss M. da Roza; Miss S. West, Miss J. Wong and Miss B. Greaves; Miss F. Wong, Miss M. Churn, Miss S. Roberts, Miss H. Reid and Miss B. Longbottom. "Y" LADIES—Miss Minoot; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. N. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Miss K. Pocock; Mrs. O. Burnett, Miss B. Harker, Miss Decima Eardley, Mrs. S. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw.

CLUB HEAD THROUGH

By BEST BALL

Observing Jimmy Thomson's stroke one is struck by the wide arc the clubhead describes, even after the ball has been dispatched on its way. It actually seems as if Thomson is still applying the swinging momentum; as a matter of fact the movement of the arms, and body at this point add to this appearance. A study of rapid speed photographs of Thomson's swing reveals that this manifestation is not merely an illusion. Obviously Thomson does keep applying the pressure for a long time after contact. The velocity of his clubhead on the downswing is approximately 150 feet per second, a velocity by the way about twenty feet more than that generated by Bobby Jones on his downstroke.

Immediately after impact there is a drop in this clubhead speed to 115 feet per second, a velocity that gradually dissipates to 110 then to 90 feet per second. After this point is reached there is a more pronounced slowing up. Thomson's speed after the ball is hit is only about twenty feet less than that of Jones when the latter comes onto the ball. Furthermore Thomson's speed of the clubhead following impact does not drop as

VELOCITY SWING

rapidly in ratio to these various speeds as the Atlantan's. Naturally Thomson's swift downswing is not as consistently accurate as Jones' but his drive is longer. To allow the greatest margin for high velocity the average golfer should keep on applying the hitting pressure through the ball. In this way there is little chance for the clubhead speed to slow down appreciably before the ball is struck.

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THE Army Football trials are proving rather more popular than usual with units this year and it seems that all likely material will be thoroughly sifted and that the final side selected will do the Army justice.

From the number of names already received it is obvious that several trials will be necessary, and as soon as the closing date (9th December) for recommendations is passed the date will be decided on for the first. I should think it will probably be December 20, as it is bound to be mid-week in order not to interfere with League games.

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Middlesex Nominations

Middlesex have submitted most names to date, all their present team being recommended. Of these I think Sheehan, Freshwater, Bright Wilkinson Pearson and Saw will all be fighting hard for a place and it is quite possible that all might get in.

A surprise omission from the Ordinance list is Emberson, the Colony outside right. Although he is not particularly keen on playing I understand that if the Army need him particularly he will turn out. I expect he will be asked as there is no one approaching his class on view at the moment. Other names on the

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADY")

R.A.O.C. list are Munton, Coughlan and Rides, whilst Duffield is also recommended although I understood he had given up football.

The Royal Scots list is in and the only name I imagined would be sent in but which is not is Fraser. It may be that he has decided to cut out big games from now on. His partner Naysmith will be given a trial as will Falconer the centre half. I agree with the recommendation of Gordon, Hosack, and Fleming, but cannot see what Munro has done this year to justify an Army trial.

R.A.M.C. have submitted six names, Pym, Smith, Garside, Bennett, Smith (A.D.C.) and Barnsley. Of these there are two with good chances, Garside impressed me very favourably earlier in the season with his display as a left half, but it was only in Third Division football and he might not be ready to step up into a higher class yet. Smith of course, is the present Kowloon goalkeeper in First Division and I imagine he will be between the sticks for Army this year.

Optimistic R.A.S.C.

R.A.S.C. have been optimistic and submitted seven names, most of which will obviously get on further than the first trial. There are three amongst them, however, who may do well; they are Hills, Glen and Martin. Hills I have commented on before and he is still showing great form, whilst Glen might be tried on the wing. Martin can play in any forward position. Another one of the Service Corps recommendations who has definitely a 'class' stamp on him but has not been too lucky recently, is Young, who plays at inside or outside left.

Signals have also sent in a string of names rather out of proportion to a small unit, and amongst them is Cpl. Kennard as goalkeeper. He is quite a good custodian and with the present shortage of good keepers stands an even chance of getting a game. L/Cpl. Taylor is quite a good back, as is Sgt. Brackenberry at half back, but I have never considered either of them as being Army class.

Cpl. Husband is the only other of their selections who stands much of a chance and he is one of the more fortunate in that he plays at outside left which is also likely to be an awkward position to fill this year.

EASTMAN'S GOOD YEAR

The following are results of lawn bowls Competitions held at K.F.C. during the year 1939:—

Club Championship:—Winner. J. C. Brown; Runner up. A. Eastman.

Handicap Singles:—Winner. V. Chittenden; Runner up. A. Eastman.

Pairs Competition:—Winners. V.

Chittenden and J. Gibson; Runners up. A. Eastman and W. Groves.

Novices Competition:—Winner. R. Hughes; Runner up. W. Groves.

Rinks Competition:—Winners. B. Evans, R. Hughes, C. Dowman, and W. Field; Runners up. B. Thomson, S. Wong, W. Excell and T. Fergusson.

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BIG DOLLAR SWEEP TO BE DECIDED

(By "RAPIER")

THE MEETING to be held at Macao on Sunday will conclude the programme of race meetings under the auspices of Macao Jockey Club for 1939, and, judging by the entries received, should be well attended.

There is a varied programme of seven events, main feature being the race for the Governor's Cup.

This cup was presented by His Excellency, Dr. Arthur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, Governor of Macao, and in order to win it outright two successive victories by a pony or ponies belonging to the same owner or owners are necessary.

Mr. H. C. McComb is the holder of the Cup, which Hogmanay won on April 2, 1939.

S. S. Taishan leaves Hong Kong at 8 a.m., and racegoers will return on S.S. Kinshan, which leaves Macao at 3.30 a.m. Monday, as S.S. Taishan is returning from the Portuguese colony at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday.

RACE NO. 1. KIANG WU HANDICAP: FIVE FURLONGS

Opening race of the day is confined to China ponies, subscription griffins of Macao Jockey Club of any season. Gold Clause (Mr. W. N. Yeh) ran second to Shanghai 4 at the last meeting, in the Grand Stand Handicap, and, on that performance, should win this race.

Merry Maker (Mr. S. L. Yuen) was third in the same race, but as it finished four lengths behind Gold Clause, it should not do better than again place.

Coureur Bleu (Mr. S. C. Liang), winner of the Colowan Handicap over five furlongs at the October Meeting, will be the real danger if Mr. Liang can keep it from boring out. I fancy Gold Clause to win with Coureur Bleu second and Merry Maker third.

RACE NO. 2. MONGHA HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race is confined to China ponies, subscription griffins of Hong Kong Jockey Club purchased at Hong Kong by members of Macao Jockey Club during 1938-9.

Eagle (Mr. L. B. Chao) has been given top weight of 168 lbs for its win in the Race Course Handicap over six furlongs, but, despite this heavy burden, it is still capable of winning.

Only pony capable of extending it is High Tower (Mr. S. C. Liang), which, although not having done anything of note as yet, is coming along nicely in training.

National Triumph (Mr. S. W. Pan), which lost to Eagle by three lengths at the last meeting, is also likely to be in the running for honours in view of the longer distance.

My choice is Eagle to win, with High Tower second and National Triumph third.

RACE NO. 3. MACAO HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SEVEN FURLONGS

The entries for this race come from China ponies classified "E" by Hong Kong Jockey Club, and it appears to me that Lucky Eleven (Mr. S. C. Liang) stands about the best chance of winning again, although carrying top weight of 168 lbs. This pony won the Turf Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting and also gained second position in the Glassgow Handicap at the Valley last Saturday, when it lost to Smiling Time by two lengths. Peralan Cat (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) was third in the above-mentioned race at Macao, and in the absence of King's Parade, the second pony, which has not been entered, it should secure second place with Mac's Adventure (Mr. S. L. Yuen) third.

RACE NO. 4. MELBOURNE HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This event is confined to "C" Class Australian ponies of Hong Kong

Jockey Club, and from the list of entries I cannot see anything to touch Violet Queen, which dead-headed with Rooiffy for second place in the Auld Reekie Handicap at the Valley last Saturday.

For the second position a keen struggle should ensue between Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) and Ruby Star (Mr. S. W. Pan).

RACE NO. 5. GOVERNOR'S CUP: ONE MILE

This is the main event of the day, and the big dollar sweep will be decided on it. I expect to see the following start:—

Fairy Auk (Mr. L. B. Chao).
Hogmanay (Mr. W. N. Yeh).
Meadow Eve (Mr. S. W. Pan).
Fairy Ousel (Mr. S. L. Yuen).
Shanghai 4 (Mr. S. C. Liang).
Rothsay Bay (Mr. R. K. C. Chui).

Although carrying top weight of 160 lbs. I believe that Fairy Auk will win this Cup for the first time.

Judging from its last win in the Grandstand Handicap, Shanghai 4, with only 146 lbs. to carry, is likely to give Fairy Auk a good run if it does not actually win. Then there is Meadow Eve to be considered as this pony lost by only a neck to Fairy Auk, winner of the Choi Ma Hui Handicap over a mile at the last meeting.

I nominate Fairy Auk to win, with Shanghai 4 second and Meadow Eve third.

RACE NO. 6. TAP SIAC HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

China ponies classified "D" by Hong Kong Jockey Club will figure in this race, and I don't think we need look further for a winner than these three ponies:—The Tigress (Mr. L. B. Chao), Talkative (Mr. S. C. Liang) and Plain View (Mr. S. W. Pan).

The Tigress won the Victory Handicap over the mile at the last meeting, carrying 163 lbs., and its penalty of 5 lbs. should not prevent it from repeating its success.

Talkative was placed third in the Gallowgate Handicap (Second Section), and on that account, the handicapper has given him another 6 lbs., i.e. 165 lbs., to handle. I am sure this will not be too much over only six furlongs.

Plain View has been running indifferently lately, but if it strikes some of its old form it will probably give the above two ponies a good fight.

I nominate The Tigress for first place, with Talkative second and Plain View third.

RACE NO. 7. MACAO HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SEVEN FURLONGS

This is the last race of the day and the year, and is for the other "E" Class China ponies. Rose Day (Mr. S. W. Pan) won the Turf Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting and will probably do so again in view of the indifferent opposition. A good struggle for second place should take place between Black Diamond (Mr. L. B. Chao) and Iron Knight (Mr. S. C. Liang).

The postponed "B" Division League badminton match between King's College and Kowloon Togs, will take place at King's College on Monday at 8 p.m.

THE BIG SWEEP

Tickets for the big Dollar Sweep to be decided on the fifth race at Macao Jockey Club's final meeting of the season on Sunday, have not sold as well as was expected.

The "China Mail" was informed at 2.30 p.m. to-day that over 15,000 tickets had been sold, however, which will make the first prize something in the neighbourhood of \$8,400.

THIS WEEK AT THE BOWLING ALLEYS

(By "STRIKE")

THIS WEEK I have several rather interesting matches to comment upon, as for instance the first round singles handicap match between Doc Molthen and Maurice Weill, played on November 30.

Doc Molthen won it is true, but only by the very narrow margin of 25 pins. Doc's handicap was plus 9 and Weill's plus 25, which meant that Doc was giving Weill 16 pins per game or 48 pins in three games.

The final result of the match was as follows:—

Doc Molthen 189 167 200 556
M. Weill 164 152 167 531

Doc's average worked out at 185 pins per game and Weill's at 177 pins per game. It was a great effort by Weill—he played much better than usual—and Doc Molthen after the match told me that he had been given the greatest "headache" he had had for a long time!

Then there was the second round singles handicap match played the same day between George North, who was plus 25, and Jack Gracie, also plus 25.

The scores were:—

George North 152 230 169 551
Jack Gracie 163 139 164 466

It will be noticed that North put up 230 in his second game, the highest score for the competition up to the present; it was no doubt due to this very high score that there was such a difference of 85 pins.

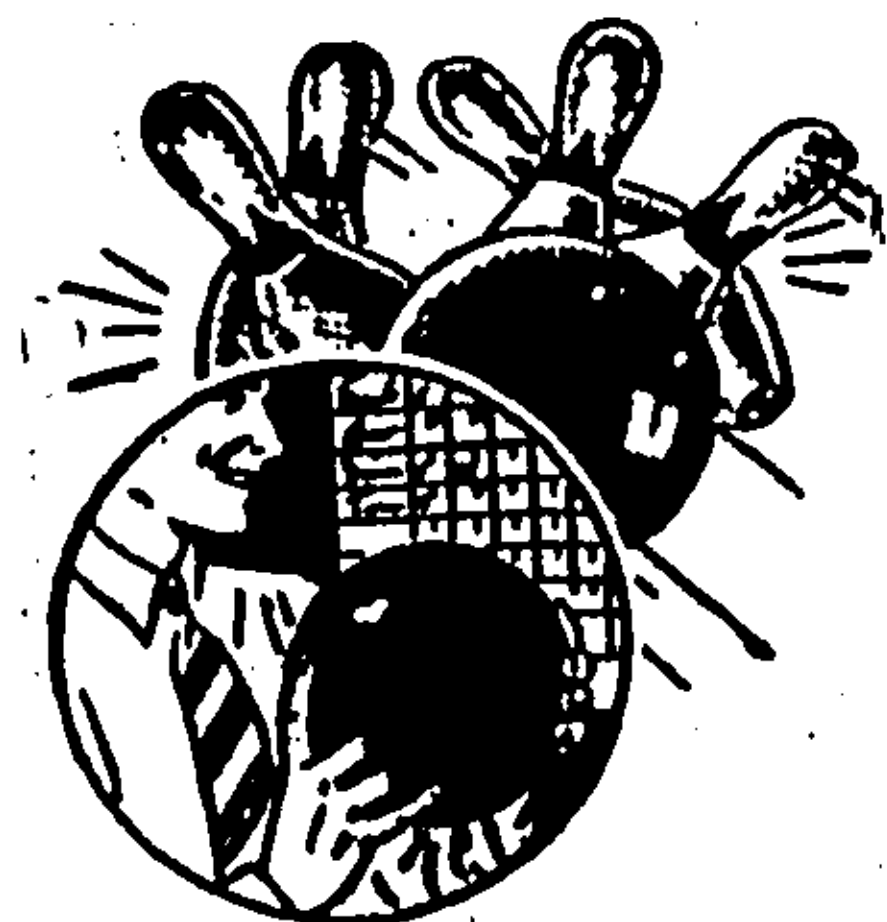
On December 1, there was a very keenly-fought five-game "duck pins" match played between U.S.S. Tulsa and a representative team from the Alleys. This was the second duck pin match to have been played in the Alleys.

The first, on October 22, resulted in a win for the "Tulsa" by 137 pins. The return match found the Alley team in good form and resulted in a win for the locals by 51 points which squares the issue. Scores were:—

J. R. Fawcett 493 H. S. Baker 445
J. H. Watts 480 C. T. Christiansen 509
H. Blount 504 O. F. Drewes 488
J. S. Landolt 471 J. A. Vasko 485

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From the outset of the match the Alley team took the measure of their opponents and got down to some really good Bowling, as can be seen by the scores. Christiansen of Tulsa was top scorer with 50 pins or an average of 102 pins per game—a really good effort—while Blount of the Alley team was a good second with 504 or an average of 101 pins per game.



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MOLTHEN SOLE SURVIVOR

Gene Faggiano, Dick Venezia and Meller, of the crack "Champs" indoor bowls team, have all been eliminated from the singles handicap competition and the only survivor is Doc Molthen!

It would be most difficult to find two harder teams to beat; the average for the Alley team worked out at 88 pins per game per player, and the average for their opponents worked out at 85 pins per game per player.

One of the greatest surprises was the result of a singles handicap match (second round) between Dick Venezia and J. R. Fawcett, played on December 2. It was the general opinion that this match would be a really close one, but Venezia won very comfortably by 84 pins after conceding 9 pins per game. Total result was; Venezia 542 pins and Fawcett 458 (including his 27 pins handicap) so actually, had Venezia played Fawcett level he would have won by 111 pins.

FAWCETT OFF FORM

Fawcett, who is one of the best bowlers in the Alleys, was obviously off form and Dick's 3 games were made up of 188, 178, 170, or an average of 181 pins; Fawcett's scores were 149, 143, 139, and, receiving 27 pins, an average of 153 pins per game.

There was another singles handicap match played on December 3 between R. H. Tidd and J. M. Wright. Tidd's handicap was plus 17 and Wright's plus 25. Tidd, after conceding 24 pins for three games, won by 62 pins.

How are the mighty fallen! On December 4, Dick Venezia played J. H. Watts in the second round of the singles handicap. Venezia conceded 20 pins per game, he being scratch, and much to the surprise of all bowling fans he went down by the large margin of 71 pins (including his 60 handicap). Watt, therefore, actually won level, by 11 pins.

The scores were:—

Watt 157 198 136 60 551
Venezia 180 158 142 — 480

On Monday a match was arranged between the Champs and the "Tulsa". The occasion was the opening of the two new alleys. Before finally declaring the alleys open to the public, the Manager of the Alleys requested Mr. Faggiano and Mrs. Miller to roll one ball each, after which the alleys were duly declared open.

The match which followed was really exciting. To my recollection, the Champs had played the Tulsa on three occasions before, the result being two wins for the Champs and one for the Tulsa, so the latter were all out to level matters. At one stage it seemed that the Tulsa would bring off a win, the position from game to game being:

1st game: Champs were up 49 pins
2nd " Champs " " 47 "
3rd " Champs " " 41 "
4th " Tulsa " " 17 "
5th " Champs " " 112 "

From this it will be seen that Tulsa had the game in hand on the fourth game, but failing to keep the advantage on the fifth, allowed the Champs to forge ahead and win by 112 pins.

There was no really high scoring on either side, Venezia being top with 234, materially assisted by 223 in his fifth game.

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Fox-Trot—That Sly Old Gentleman (film 'Eastside of Heaven')....Harry Roy & His Orchestra.
Humorous Monologue — The Anti-Arson Squad (Tilley)....John Tilley.
Fox-Trots—What Goes Up Must Come Down (from 'Cotton Club Parade'); Don't Worry 'Bout Me (from 'Cotton Club Parade')....Harry Roy & His Orchestra.
Vocal—Mood Indigo (Ellington)....The Boswell Sisters with Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—What Shall I Say?
Waltz—I Paid for the Lie That I Told You....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

Vocal—The Little Toy Train (McLaren-Hulbert); The Birthday of the Little Princess (Gay)....Cicely Courtneidge with Orchestra.
Comedians—The Old Oak Tree (Miller); Put It Down (Miller)....Max Miller with Orchestra.
Sketch — The German Commissionaire Scene (from 'Seeing Stars')....Leslie Henson & Fred Emney; The Riddle Scene (from 'Swing Along')....Leslie Henson, Fred Emney & Richard Hearne.
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Vocal—Haven Of Your Heart (from 'Crest of the Waves')....Olive Gilbert (Contralto); Rose of England (from 'Crest of the Waves')....Edgar Elmes (Baritone) with Orchestra and Male Chorus.

9.05 p.m.—STUDIO — Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"World Affairs".

9.45 p.m.—Dennis Noble (Baritone) and Jack Hylton and His Orchestra. The Devout Lover (Pollock & White)....Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Piano.
"Nell Gwyn Dances" (Edward German)....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—STUDIO—"The Beauty of England"—2: The Second of a Series of talks by The Very Rev. The Dean of Hong Kong.

10.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. Waltz from "The Sleeping Beauty" (Tchaikovsky)....Marck Weber & His Orch.

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North, Dealer

Mr. Becker
 ♠ A K J
 ♥ K 2
 ♦ A K 10 3
 ♣ A Q J 9
 ♠ 9 8 4
 ♥ A J 10
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ 8 6 5
 ♠ 4 2
 ♠ 7 6 3 2
 ♥ 8 6 5
 ♦ Q J 9 4
 ♣ 7 5

♠ Q 10 5
 ♥ Q 9 4
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ K 10 8 6 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Mr. Becker reasoned first that his partner's four-notrump bid clearly denied the Ace of hearts and showed a hand with a five-card club suit to the King and two of the three missing Queens. If these side Queens were in spades and diamonds, he could almost surely count twelve tricks at no-trump; but if one of the Queens happened to be in hearts, apparently there

would be a far better play for the Slam in clubs. Hence, Mr. Becker quite properly bid six clubs and let his partner play the hand.

The Slam was a laydown in clubs, since Declarer made three spade tricks, the Ace and King of diamonds, one heart trick, his own five clubs and ruffed one heart in dummy for twelve tricks. At notrump, however, against perfect defence the best that could be made would be eleven tricks.

You were Howard Schenken's partner yesterday and held:

♠ A K J
 ♥ K x
 ♦ A K 10 x
 ♣ A Q J 9

The bidding:

You	Burnstone	Schenken	Jacoby
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Your correct bid is six clubs. The analysis of this question appears above in to-day's hand. With four of your partner's suit, it is nearly always best to let him play the hand.

Score 100% for six clubs, 80% for six notrump.

QUESTION NO. 278

You are the dealer and hold:

♠ A Q 7 4
 ♥ A K 8 6
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ A K 5 3

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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The following will represent Recreio tomorrow:

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 Seconds v. University (Home):—H. M. Xavier (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, H. A. Barros, J. E. Noronha, A. V. Gosano, A. J. M. Prata, M. Remedios, J. Soares, M. Mendonca, P. Yvanovich and A. N. Other.

K.C.C. INTRA-CLUB GAME CANCELLED

It is notified that the intra-club cricket fixture arranged to be played at Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday has been cancelled.

In its stead the K.C.C. 2nd XI will play Royal Air Force.

Following will represent K.C.C.—W. Mulcahy (Capt.), R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, G. A. Goodban, R. A. J. Simpson, C. Walker, F. J. Lay, C. F. Green, J. Mills, E. Curtis and G. A. V. Hall.



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The law was introduced by Hitler in 1936, when the German pacifist, Carl von Ossietzky, was awarded the Peace Prize while a prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp.—Havas.

NORWEGIAN TANKER TORPEDOED

London, To-day.
A Norwegian tanker of 6,000 tons has been sunk off the Belgian coast, apparently by a torpedo.

The crew of 44 have been rescued and taken into a Belgian port.

The tanker, the name of which is not yet known, went down in ten minutes.—Reuter.

BATTLE OFF BERGEN

Bergen, To-day.
A battle between three warships and several unidentified aeroplanes took place yesterday off the Norwegian coast, near Bergen.

A loud cannonading was heard and three warships were later observed in action with attacking aircraft.—Reuter.

EX-CHINA AIRMAN KILLED

London, To-day.
The Air Ministry casualty list contains among those killed on active service the name of Squadron Leader P. M. Watt, former Adjutant of Air Units in H.M.S. Hermes while she was on the China Station. He was a famous glider pilot.—Reuter.

"PRAVDA" IN CHORUS

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.
THE OFFICIAL SOVIET ORGAN, "PRAVDA" ECHOES IN ITS ISSUE PUBLISHED YESTERDAY, THE ATTACK ON RUMANIA AND TURKEY SHRIEKED BY THE "COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL," ORGAN OF THE COMINTERN.

The attack adopts the same line, threatening to rescue Bessarabia from Rumanian persecutors of minorities, and describing Turkey's alliance with Britain and France as a danger to Turkish independence.—Reuter.

RED ARMY CONCENTRATIONS

Rome, To-day.
Reports reaching here confirm the Soviet concentrations on the Bessarabian frontier.—Reuter.

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He said the Mission had brought back excellent results, and he emphasised that the Allied statesmen had expressed the warmest admiration for and confidence in the Turkish Army.

The Economic Mission headed by Menemencioglu now in London hoped to reach a very satisfactory agreement shortly.—Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day.
It is believed here that the Russians are attempting to cut Finland in two by driving a wedge through Brovaniem, 120 miles from the Soviet frontier to the Gulf of Bothnia.

The Russians claim to have reached within 97 miles of Brovaniem and within 25 miles of the railroad, the cutting of which would be an important victory.

Finnish sources declare that the Russians have advanced only 12 miles and are still over 37 miles from the railway. — Reuter.

Copenhagen, To-day.
A communique issued after the Oslo meeting of the Scandinavian Foreign Ministers states that questions arising from Finland's appeal to the League of Nations were discussed and it was agreed to try everything to effect Soviet-Finnish negotiations.—Reuter.

Rome, To-day.
Italian political circles regard the Soviet agitation for a Russo-Rumanian mutual assistance pact as preparation for another "step forward" by the Kremlin. — Reuter.

concentrations are increasing along the frontiers of Rumania and Turkey. Reservists are still being called to the Colours in Russia, which now has over 5,000,000 men under arms. The regions round Kiev, Moscow and Leningrad are like vast armed camps.—Havas.

Rome, To-day.

A communique issued at the conclusion of the Fascist Grand Council states the Council confirmed Italy's position of non-belligerency, and Italo-German relations are unchanged.

"Any possible happenings in the Danube and Balkans region cannot fail to interest Italy directly." — Reuter.

Three persons are believed to have been drowned following an accident in Connaught Road West shortly after 6 a.m. to-day when a lorry, loaded with vegetables, fell into the harbour.

The lorry was proceeding from Kennedy Town to the Central District. To avoid an oncoming car, the driver swerved, the vehicle skidded and left the road, falling into the harbour.

There were, including the driver, seven persons on the lorry, but only four were rescued.

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.
There is no change in the situation north of Nanning, according to latest messages to-day.

Japanese aircraft, are, however, very active bombing the Chinese positions along the Nanning-Wuming and Nanning-Pingyang highways. — Our Own Correspondent.

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